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## Appendix C. Statistical Methodology

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### THE SCREENING PHASE AND THE MAIL LIST MODEL

The 1997 Census of Agriculture featured a pre-census screening phase that surveyed selected records, by mail or telephone, for presence or absence of agricultural activity. Records selected for screening had a low probability of qualifying as farms. All records responding to the screener and reporting no agricultural activity were removed from the census mail list. Eliminating nonfarm records from the mail list reduced respondent burden and data collection costs.

The screening phase included nearly 500,000 records. Records were selected for screening using one of the following criteria:

- 1) Records on selected agriculture specialty lists that had no other list source,
- 2) Records identified by a mail list model as having a low probability of being a farm.

A mail list model predicted the probability that an addressee on the 1997 preliminary census mail list operated a farm. The model defined groups based on combinations of characteristics such as source(s) of the mail list record, expected value of agricultural production, and geographic location. Farm proportions were estimated for these groups by calculating the proportion of 1992 census respondent records that were farms which exhibited the characteristics defined by the group. This proportion, also called the in-scope rate, provided an estimate of the probability that an addressee in the group operated a farm.

Each address record on the 1997 preliminary census mail list was assigned to a model group by matching record characteristics to model group characteristics. Records belonging to the groups with the highest farm probability were those more likely to be farms. Records with a farm probability of approximately 30 percent or less were selected for screening, along with records included on selected agriculture specialty lists as noted above.

Before screening, the preliminary census mail list consisted of 3,314,790 records. There were 478,298 records selected for screening. Of these, 125,570 records were determined to be nonfarms as a result of the screening phase and were removed. These records were removed from the final census mail list. The remaining 3,189,220 records received census report forms.

### CENSUS SAMPLE DESIGN

All name and address records on the final census mail list were designated to receive a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form. Two different types of census report forms, sample and nonsample, were used to collect data. Sections 1 through 20 and 28 through 32 of the sample form were identical to sections on the nonsample census form. Sample form sections 21 through 27 contained additional questions on usage of fertilizers and chemicals, farm production expenditures, value of machinery and equipment, value of land and buildings, farm-related income, and hired workers. There were 11 regional versions of the nonsample form and 13 regional versions of the sample form with listings of crops varying by region. These different forms were used to reduce the response burden of the census, while providing reliable information on a large number of data items.

The sample form was mailed to all mail list records in Alaska, Hawaii, and Rhode Island and to a sample of records in other States selected from the final mail list. Mail list records were selected into the sample with certainty if they (1) were expected to have large total value of agricultural products sold or large acreage, (2) were multi-unit operations (i.e., separate farms producing under one company organization), (3) were in a county with less than 100 farms in 1992, or (4) had other special characteristics. Farms with special characteristics were abnormal farms, such as institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian reservations. Mail list records in counties containing 100 to 199 farms in 1992 were systematically sampled at a rate of 1 in 2; records in counties containing 200 to 299 farms in 1992 were systematically sampled at a rate of 1 in 4; and records in counties containing 300 or more farms in 1992 were systematically sampled at a rate of 1 in 6. The remaining mail list records not chosen to receive the sample form received the nonsample census form. This differential sampling scheme was used to provide reliable data for the sample sections of the report form for all counties.

### EDITING DATA AND IMPUTATION FOR ITEM NONRESPONSE

The census of agriculture complex edit and imputation system is an automated computerized system that performed the following functions:

- Ensured reasonable relationships between/among data items, values for various sizes of farms, combinations of commodities, and economic interactions.
- Ensured necessary consistencies were present (there were more than 70 distinct consistency requirements).
- Ensured climatic, geographic, legal, and physical constraints were met.

The system performed these and similar functions for more than 900 data key codes for sample records and approximately 850 data key codes for nonsample records.

For the 1997 Census of Agriculture, as in previous censuses, all reported data were keyed and then edited by computer. The edits were used to determine whether the reports met the minimum criteria to be counted as farms in the census. The complex edit and imputation system provided the basis for deciding to accept, impute (supply), delete, or alter the reported value for each data record item.

Whenever possible, edit imputations, deletions, and changes were based on component or related data on the respondent's report form. For some items, such as operator characteristics, data for that record from the previous census were used when available. Values for other missing or unacceptable reported data items were calculated based on reported quantities and known fixed price parameters.

When these and similar methods were not available and values had to be supplied, the imputation process used information reported for another farm operation in a geographically adjacent area with characteristics similar to those of the farm operation with incomplete data. For example, a farm operation that reported acres of corn harvested, but did not report quantity of corn harvested, was assigned the same bushels of corn per acre harvested as that of the last nearby farm with similar characteristics that reported acceptable yields during that particular execution of the computer edit. The imputation for missing items in each section of the report form was conducted separately; thus, assigned values for one operation could come from more than one respondent.

Prior to the imputation operation, a set of default values and relationships was assigned to the possible imputation variables. The relationships and values varied depending on the item being imputed. For example, different default values were assigned for several Standard Industrial Classifications and total value of sales categories when imputing hired farm labor expenses. These values and item relationships for the possible imputation variables were stored in the computer in a series of matrices.

Each execution of the computer edit consisted of records from only one State sorted by reported State and county. For a given execution of the edit, the stored entries in the various matrices were retained in memory only until a succeeding record having acceptable characteristics for the same sections of the report form was processed by the

computer. Then the acceptable responses of the succeeding operation replaced those previously stored. When a record processed through the edit had unreported or unacceptable data, the record was assigned the last acceptable ratio or response from an operation with a similar set of characteristics. Once each execution of the computer edit for a State was completed, the possible imputation variables were reset to the default values and relationships for subsequent executions. An edit run usually consisted of 10,000 or more records.

After the initial computer edit, all keyed reports not meeting the census farm definition were reviewed to ensure that the data had been keyed correctly. Edit referrals were generated for 17 percent of the reports included as farms; they were reviewed for keying accuracy and to ensure that the computer edit actions were correct. If the results of the computer edit were not acceptable, corrections were made and the record re-edited.

## CENSUS ESTIMATION

The 1997 Census of Agriculture used two types of statistical estimation procedures to account for whole farm nonresponse and sample data collection. The procedures were necessary because some farm operators did not respond to the census despite numerous attempts to contact them, and estimates for certain data items were based on a sample of farm operators rather than a full enumeration.

### Whole Farm Nonresponse Estimation

Whole farm nonresponse to the census occurred when a response was never received for a record. If the record was a large farm, as defined by value of production or acreage, or a unique farm operation, intensive telephone or personal followup was conducted during census processing to obtain a response. If these attempts failed, either the NASS survey database, the census historic database, or other more current sources were used to impute data for the record.

During mail list development, the State Statistical Offices (SSOs), in an effort to reduce respondent burden, identified records that participated in multiple NASS surveys and/or situations where there were special reporting relationships between an enumerator and a respondent. These records were referred to as tagged records. The SSOs had full responsibility for the data collection for these records, including imputation of data for the record if a response was not obtainable.

Whole farm nonresponse that occurred within the remaining universe of records was accounted for by a statistical weighting procedure. The weights of the responding farms were adjusted to account for farms that did not respond. The information needed for this process was obtained from the 1997 Nonresponse Survey. The SSOs conducted the nonresponse survey using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (Blaise-CATI) or personal enumeration when

telephone contact was not possible. Alaska and Rhode Island were not eligible for the survey because all nonrespondents were subject to extensive followup. In these cases, data were collected by telephone or other methods. The nonresponse survey collected information from a sample of census nonrespondents to determine farm status and estimate the proportion of farms in the nonresponse universe. The information was then used to estimate the number of nonresponding farm operations by State and county.

The 1997 Nonresponse Survey consisted of a stratified systematic sample of the nonresponse records within each State. The sample was selected near the end of the census follow-up operations. Five strata were defined to be homogeneous on probability of farm status and were based on screener status, total value produced, and list source(s) of the mail list record.

Based on survey results, estimates of the proportion of census nonrespondents operating farms were made for each stratum in the State. The estimates were applied to the total number of census nonrespondents in that stratum, providing a State estimate of the number of census nonrespondents that operated farms. The number of census nonrespondents that operated farms was then derived for each county by stratum. This estimation procedure assumed that the distribution of farms in a stratum by county was the same for census nonrespondents as for census respondents.

Within each stratum in a county, a noninteger nonresponse weight was calculated and assigned to each eligible respondent farm record. Census respondent farms that were designated as large farms or tagged records or as farms that exhibited "rare" commodities were ineligible to represent nonrespondent farms and were excluded from the nonresponse weighting procedure. These records were assigned nonresponse weights of 1.0.

The noninteger nonresponse weight is the ratio of the sum of the estimated number of nonrespondent farms from the nonresponse survey and the number of eligible census respondent farms, divided by the number of eligible census respondent farms. Stratum controls were established to ensure that this weight never exceeded 2.0. For the published tabulations of the complete count items, the noninteger nonresponse weight was randomly rounded to an integer weight of either 1 or 2 for each record. For the sample count items, the noninteger nonresponse weight was used in the calculation of the final sample weight.

Tables A and B quantify the effect of the nonresponse estimation procedure on selected census data items. The percentages in these tables are percents of the census values contributed by nonresponse estimation. These indicate the potential for bias in published figures resulting from nonresponse to the census. The estimates provided in these tables do not reflect the effect of item nonresponse to individual census data items. The effect of this item nonresponse is discussed in the "Census Nonsampling Error" section.

## Sample Estimation

Sample data estimation determined the population totals that would have resulted from a complete census for the items in sections 21 through 27 of the sample form. The estimates were obtained from a weighting procedure that assigned a weight to each respondent record containing sample items. For any given county, a sample item total was estimated by multiplying the data items for each farm in the county by the corresponding sample weight and summing over all sample records.

Each respondent sample farm was assigned a sample weight for use in producing estimates for all sample items. For example, if the weight given to a sample farm had the value 6, all sample data items reported by that farm were multiplied by 6.

The noninteger sample weight is calculated for each respondent sample farm by multiplying the noninteger nonrespondent weight by the sampling factor. For published tabulations of the sample count items, the noninteger sample weight was randomly rounded to an integer weight for each record. For certainty farms, the sampling factor equals 1 so the sample weight is just equal to the nonresponse weight. Sampling factor calculation for non-certainty farms is described below.

Within a county, the weighting procedure for non-certainty farms was performed in three steps using three variables. The first variable contained eight 1997 total value of agricultural production (TVP) groups. The second and third variables, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code and farm acreage, contained two groups. The three sets of groups were:

TVP	SIC	Acres
\$1 to \$999	01, 08 All crops	1 to 69
\$1,000 to \$2,499	02 All livestock	70 or more
\$2,500 to \$4,999		
\$5,000 to \$9,999		
\$10,000 to \$24,999		
\$25,000 to \$49,999		
\$50,000 to \$99,999		
\$100,000 or more		

The first step in the estimation procedure classified the sample records into 32 mutually exclusive initial strata formed by the three variable groups. The total and sample farm counts were expanded to account for nonresponse. Each cell containing sample farm records was assigned an initial sample factor equal to the ratio of the total farm count to the sample farm count. This factor was approximately equal to the inverse of the probability of selecting a farm for the census sample.

The second step in the estimation procedure combined, when necessary, the 32 initial strata to increase the reliability of the weighting procedure. Any stratum that contained less than 10 sample farms or had a factor greater than twice the mail sample rate was collapsed with another stratum. The mail sample rate was either 2, 4, or 6,

depending on whether the county had a 1 in 2, 1 in 4, or 1 in 6 sample selection rate. The collapsing occurred within the 32 initial strata according to a specified collapsing pattern. After the collapsing process was completed, new total farm counts and sample farm counts were computed from each final strata and used to calculate final sample factors.

The final step calculated the noninteger sample weight as the product of the final sampling factor and the noninteger nonresponse weight. As described previously, the noninteger sample weight for each record is randomly rounded to an integer weight which is used in published tabulations. For example, if the final weight for a farm was 7.2, then the record would be rounded to either 7 or 8.

## CENSUS SAMPLING ERROR

The sample for the 1997 Census of Agriculture was only one of a large number of possible samples of the same size that could have been selected using the same sample design. In this context, "sample" refers to the sample for both the nonresponse survey and the selection of farms to receive sample forms.

The standard error, or sampling error, of a survey estimate is a measure of the variation among the estimates from all possible samples. It is a measure of precision - that is, how well an estimate from a particular sample approximates the true population parameter. The percent relative standard error of an estimate is defined as the standard error of the estimate divided by the value of the estimate, then multiplied by 100. The true population parameter can be defined or conceptualized several different ways. One way is to think of the true population parameter as the average result of all possible samples (selected using a given sample design). A second way is to think of the true population parameter as the figure obtained from carrying out a complete enumeration of the population.

If all possible samples were selected, each of the samples surveyed under essentially the same conditions, and an estimate and its standard error calculated from each sample, then:

1. Approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.65 standard errors below the estimate to 1.65 standard errors above the estimate would include the true population parameter.
2. Approximately 95 percent of the intervals from 1.96 standard errors below the estimate to 1.96 standard errors above the estimate would include the true population parameter.

The following example illustrates the computations necessary to produce a confidence statement for an estimate. Assume that the estimate of number of farms for a State is 94,382 and the relative standard error of the estimate is 0.1 percent (0.001). Multiplying 94,382 by 0.001 yields 94, the standard error; therefore, a 90-percent confidence interval is 94,227 to 94,537 (i.e., 94,382 plus or minus 1.65 x 94).

If corresponding confidence intervals were constructed for all possible samples of the same size and design, approximately 90 percent of these intervals would contain the true population parameter. Similarly, a 95-percent confidence interval is 94,198 to 94,566 (i.e., 94,382 plus or minus 1.96 x 94).

Census items were classified as either complete count or sample count items. All farm operators were asked the complete count items. Examples of complete count items were: land in farms, harvested cropland, livestock inventory and sales, crop acreage, quantities harvested and crop sales, land use, irrigation, government loans and payments, conservation acreage, type of organization, and operator characteristics.

Only a sample of farm operators were asked the sample count items. These items appeared only in sections 21 through 27 of the sample form. Sample count items were included under the following section headings: commercial fertilizers, chemicals, production expenses, farm machinery and equipment, value of land and buildings, farm-related income, and hired workers.

Variability in the estimates of complete count items was due only to the nonresponse survey estimation procedure. With regard to the estimates of sample count items, variability was due to both the nonresponse survey estimation procedure and the census sample selection and estimation procedure. Therefore, variability in the sample count item estimates tends to be larger than the variability in the complete count item estimates. Percent relative standard error is a common measure of variability.

Table C presents the percent relative standard error of selected U.S. data items for all farms, and table D presents the percent relative standard error of selected U.S. data items for all farms with sales of \$10,000 or more.

Table E presents the standard error for percent change in U.S. totals from 1992 to 1997. The general purpose of the percent change estimate is to provide a relative measure of the difference in a characteristic between censuses. The relative change for a given characteristic is defined as the ratio of the difference of the 1997 and the 1992 estimate for that characteristic to the 1992 estimate. This ratio is multiplied by 100 to obtain the percent change. The standard error of a percent change estimate is the standard error of the ratio multiplied by 100.

Table F presents the percent relative standard error for U.S. and State totals for selected data items. The percent relative standard error of the estimate for the same item differs among States. Reasons for this are differences among States in the (1) total number of farms, (2) number of large farms included with certainty, (3) size classifications of the farms sampled, (4) amount of nonresponse, (5) general agricultural characteristics, and (6) specific characteristic being measured.

The farm counts and related estimates displayed in tables A through F relate to unadjusted census totals. These totals are the same as the "Census total" displayed in the first column of table G (which will be discussed later in this appendix).

For most of the tables in this appendix, and also many of the tables throughout the publication, there is a footnote that reads "Data are based on a sample of farms." The table entries that this footnote relate to are estimates of totals. To illustrate, suppose that the entry "other farm-related income" is shown with this footnote and has some number of farms given. This number given would represent an estimated total number of farms with "other farm-related income," based on the farms that were in the sample. This number should not be interpreted as the number of farms in the sample that have "other farm-related income."

## CENSUS NONSAMPLING ERROR

The accuracy of the census counts is affected jointly by sampling errors (described in the previous section) and nonsampling errors. Extensive efforts were made to compile a complete and accurate mail list for the census, to design an understandable report form with instructions, and to minimize processing errors through the use of quality control measures. Nonsampling errors arise from many sources, including respondent or enumerator error or incorrect data keying, editing, or imputing for missing data. These nonsampling errors are further discussed in this section. Nonsampling error due to mail list incompleteness and duplication as well as misclassification of records on the mail list is called coverage error. The section titled "Coverage Evaluation" discusses the evaluation studies conducted to measure the extent of this error in the census.

### Respondent and Enumerator Error

Incorrect or incomplete responses to the census report form or to the questions posed by an enumerator can introduce error into the census data. To reduce reporting error, detailed instructions for completing the report form were provided to each respondent. Questions were phrased as clearly as possible based on previous tests of the report form. In addition, each respondent's answers were checked for completeness and consistency by the complex edit and imputation system.

### Item Nonresponse

As information flowed from data collection to tabulation, various types of item nonresponses were identified on the census report forms. Nonresponse to particular questions on the census report form that logically should have been present created a type of nonsampling error in both complete count and sample count data. In this case, information from a similar farm was used to impute for these missing data items. The resulting data may have been biased if the characteristics of the nonreporting respondents were different from those of reporting respondents for those items.

### Processing Error

All phases of processing for each census report form were potential sources for the introduction of nonsampling error. An automated check-in recorded that the report had

been returned and excluded from further followup mailings. Approximately one-third of the mail returns were reviewed to resolve questions dealing with multiple reports, respondent remarks, or no reported data. The remaining mail returns (about two-thirds) were batched and sent directly to data keying, along with some of the reviewed cases containing farm data. Keyed records were transmitted, formatted, and run through the complex edit and imputation system. About one-fifth of all forms edited were clerically reviewed for inconsistencies, omissions, or questionable values. While reviewing these forms, the edit review staff determined if the action taken by the computer edit and imputation system was correct. Edited records were tabulated to the county level. Each county was reviewed and, when necessary, individual records were corrected prior to publication.

Developing accurate processing methods is complicated by the complex structure of agriculture. Among the complexities are the many places to be included, the variety of arrangements under which farms are operated, the continuing changes in the relationship of operators to the farm operated, the expiration of leases and the initiation or renewal of leases, the problem of obtaining a complete list of agriculture operations, the difficulty of contacting and identifying some types of contractor/contractee relationships, the operator's absence from the farm during the data collection period, and the operator's opinion that part or all of the operation does not qualify and should not be included in the census. During data collection and processing of the census, all operations underwent a number of quality control checks to ensure as accurate an application as possible.

## COVERAGE EVALUATION

### Coverage Overview

The primary objectives of the census of agriculture are to accurately count U.S. farms, measure commodity production and sales, and measure demographic characteristics of farm operators. Since 1945, an evaluation of census coverage has been conducted for each census of agriculture to provide estimates of the completeness of census farm counts. These results help to identify problems and focus improvements for future censuses.

According to coverage evaluation results, the past five censuses of agriculture included an average of 92 percent of U.S. farms and 98 percent of agriculture production. Complete enumeration of agricultural operations satisfying the farm definition of \$1,000 or more in agricultural sales is complicated by the variety of arrangements under which farms are operated, the multiplicity of names used for an operation, the number of operations in which an operator participates, and the difficulty in classifying those operations just around the \$1,000 sales range. In 1997, extensive efforts were made to compile as complete and accurate a mail list as possible, while reducing the duplication and number of nonfarm operations on the list.

The 1997 coverage evaluation program was designed to measure four components of error in the census farm counts. These components include:

1. Undercount due to farms Not on the Mail List (NML)
2. Overcount due to farms Duplicated or enumerated more than once (DUP)
3. Undercount due to farms Incorrectly Classified as nonfarms (ICU)
4. Overcount due to nonfarms Incorrectly Classified as farms (ICO).

The first component, mail list undercount, is by far the largest component of coverage error. Duplication, though occurring far less frequently, can involve larger farms and have a larger impact on acreage and sales estimates. The last two components involve the misclassification of either farms or nonfarms. Misclassification can arise from errors in either reporting or processing the data.

Table G - Coverage Estimates - illustrates the effect of coverage adjustments on census farm counts by demographic characteristics, land in farms, and total value of sales. The coverage total is defined as the net difference between undercounted and overcounted farms. The adjusted census total is the sum of the census total and the net coverage total. The relative standard error is shown for the final census coverage adjusted number. This number will be similar to the relative standard error for the census number, except when the coverage total is negative or close to zero. The coverage adjustment percentage shows the coverage total as a percentage of total census adjusted farms for that characteristic.

The 1997 Census of Agriculture is the first census to include all four components of coverage error in table G. Previous publications only included the coverage error component due to farms not on the mail list (NML). Because of this, caution should be taken when comparing coverage estimates from table G with previous years. In addition, the coverage total is a negative number for some characteristics. This means that the number of farms overcounted for this characteristic was greater than the number of farms undercounted.

### **Area Frame Surveys to Measure Mail List Undercoverage**

Names and addresses collected in the 1997 June Agricultural Survey and 1997 Fall Area Survey were used to estimate the undercount due to farms not on the census mail list (NML). These names were matched to the census mail list, and those that did not match were contacted by telephone or person. The enumerator verified whether the operation had reported in the census, and if not, a census of agriculture report form was completed.

The percentage of farms missed in the census varies considerably by State. In general, farms not on the mail list tended to be small in acreage, production, and sales of agricultural products. Farm operations could be missed for

various reasons, including the possibility that the operation started after the mail list was developed, the operation may be so small as not to appear in any agriculture-related source lists, or the operation may have been falsely classified as a nonfarm prior to mailout.

### **Classification Error Survey to Measure Three Types of Coverage Error**

The remaining three types of coverage error were measured by the Classification Error Survey. This survey was used to estimate the number of farms counted more than once (DUP), the number of farms misclassified as nonfarms (ICU), and the number of nonfarms misclassified as farms (ICO). A sample of census of agriculture respondents was selected for reinterview to determine their farm/nonfarm status and collect information to identify potential duplication. The farm classification from this interview was compared with the classification on the census of agriculture report form. Any differences between these two classifications were reconciled to determine the true farm status. Each operation was reviewed for duplication by matching the additional information received from the reinterview (landlords, tenants, other names, etc.) to the list of census respondents. Potential duplication was reviewed and discrepancies reconciled.

In general, the classification error rate is higher for small farms close to the \$1,000 agricultural sales requirement. This rate is also higher for farms with small acreage (less than 49 acres), higher for tenant farms than for full- or part-owner farms, and higher for farms where farming is not the operator's principal occupation.

### **Coverage Estimation**

The adjusted census total, T, is estimated as the census farm count, C, plus undercount and minus overcount adjustments. Undercount includes 1) farms not on the mail list (NML) and 2) farms incorrectly classified as nonfarms (ICU). Overcount includes 3) nonfarms incorrectly classified as farms (ICO) and 4) farms duplicated in the census (DUP). Altogether, the adjusted census total is:

$$T = C + (NML + ICU) - (ICO + DUP).$$

In some States, estimates of misclassification of farms owned by operators having rare demographic characteristics were based on particularly small sample sizes. Where such small sample sizes occurred, a form of small area estimation was used in which data from similar States contributed to that State's estimates. In these cases, the coverage totals are weighted totals of the direct State estimate and the direct estimate from the region. Direct estimates were used to the largest extent possible, based on the amount of survey cases available for the particular item being estimated.

**Table A. Percent of U.S. Totals Contributed by Whole Farm Nonresponse Estimation: 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more	
	Total (number)	Whole farm nonresponse estimation (percent)	Total (number)	Whole farm nonresponse estimation (percent)
Farms .....	1 911 859	12.2	948 893	11.0
Land in farms .....	931 795 255	6.4	802 346 288	5.5
Market value of agricultural products sold .....	farms..	1 911 859	10.9	948 893
\$1,000..		196 864 649	3.4	193 927 809
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	farms..	1 037 036	11.6	707 556
\$1,000..		98 055 656	4.1	97 014 525
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	farms..	1 176 054	12.0	606 320
\$1,000..		98 808 993	2.8	96 913 284
Poultry and poultry products .....	farms..	63 246	8.5	40 431
\$1,000..		22 262 596	.5	22 246 305
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :				
Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms..	556 980	11.2	346 780
\$1,000..		21 614 559	1.8	21 185 486
Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms..	1 021 849	11.9	541 598
\$1,000..		32 759 966	1.8	32 169 065
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms..	896 339	11.4	662 646
\$1,000..		5 725 869	5.0	5 632 662
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms..	1 190 733	11.6	754 108
\$1,000..		9 597 128	5.5	9 219 318
Hired farm labor .....	farms..	650 623	10.2	473 967
\$1,000..		14 841 036	1.8	14 698 474
Petroleum products .....	farms..	1 760 642	12.0	927 608
\$1,000..		6 371 515	5.8	5 917 262
Interest .....	farms..	810 476	10.8	574 680
\$1,000..		8 928 107	5.1	8 308 435
Total cropland .....	farms..	1 661 395	12.0	884 465
acres..		431 144 896	7.5	382 622 706
Harvested cropland .....	farms..	1 410 606	11.7	845 204
acres..		309 395 475	6.4	294 874 241
Irrigated land .....	farms..	279 442	10.7	190 653
acres..		55 058 128	4.6	53 455 455
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> .....	\$1,000..	859 839 242	7.5	682 773 777
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	farms..	1 911 601	12.2	947 053
\$1,000..		110 256 802	8.1	89 431 563
Livestock and poultry inventory:				
Cattle and calves .....	farms..	1 046 863	12.1	523 849
number..		98 989 244	6.7	87 006 751
Hogs and pigs .....	farms..	109 754	10.9	76 413
number..		61 206 236	2.6	60 720 537
Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms..	69 761	12.4	24 029
number..		313 851 480	1.3	312 628 058
Livestock and poultry sales:				
Cattle and calves .....	farms..	1 011 809	12.0	530 481
number..		74 089 046	4.7	69 291 341
Hogs and pigs .....	farms..	102 106	10.7	77 328
number..		142 611 882	2.2	142 088 754
Broilers and other meat-type chickens .....	farms..	23 937	4.2	20 827
number..		6 741 927 110	.4	6 736 903 105
Selected crops harvested:				
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms..	430 711	11.2	374 655
acres..		69 796 716	7.1	69 036 120
bushels..		8 578 634 770	6.8	8 517 750 600
Wheat for grain .....	farms..	243 568	10.1	218 675
acres..		58 836 344	5.2	57 983 737
bushels..		2 204 026 684	4.7	2 180 839 075
Sorghum for grain or seed .....	farms..	49 397	10.5	45 348
acres..		8 470 353	6.0	8 352 412
bushels..		559 070 136	5.9	553 658 575
Soybeans for beans .....	farms..	354 692	11.2	317 386
acres..		66 147 726	6.7	65 351 069
bushels..		2 504 307 294	6.6	2 482 517 552
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms..	888 597	11.7	482 703
acres..		60 799 788	9.0	49 745 283
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms..	53 727	10.0	37 903
acres..		3 773 219	2.2	3 729 935
Land in orchards .....	farms..	106 069	11.8	51 259
acres..		5 158 064	4.6	4 717 992

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

**Table B. Percent of U.S. and State Totals Contributed by Whole Farm Nonresponse Estimation:  
1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farms (number)	Land in farms (acres)	Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> (\$1,000)	Market value of agricultural products sold (\$1,000)	Harvested cropland (acres)	Corn for grain or seed (acres)	Wheat for grain (acres)	Cattle and calves inventory (number)	Hogs and pigs inventory (number)	Layers 20 weeks old and older (number)
<b>United States .</b>	<b>12.19</b>	<b>6.37</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>6.41</b>	<b>7.05</b>	<b>5.17</b>	<b>6.71</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>1.29</b>
Alabama .....	10.9	7.8	7.7	1.3	5.2	4.0	3.5	8.1	2.8	3.0
Alaska .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arizona .....	10.0	.8	1.6	.5	.9	1.7	.3	2.0	.1	.5
Arkansas .....	9.0	5.1	5.1	1.5	3.0	2.0	2.1	7.1	1.7	5.0
California .....	11.5	5.4	4.6	1.6	3.2	2.1	2.6	2.8	2.1	.2
Colorado .....	11.0	6.1	6.2	1.8	5.3	2.8	4.7	4.2	.7	.1
Connecticut .....	11.2	7.0	8.1	1.1	4.7	2.4	—	3.3	3.9	—
Delaware .....	11.5	5.5	5.5	1.4	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.9	1.7	2.0
Florida .....	12.8	4.1	5.0	1.5	3.2	8.0	3.7	5.3	8.2	.3
Georgia .....	13.5	8.3	8.7	1.9	5.1	6.3	4.6	9.1	4.3	3.3
Hawaii .....	14.4	1.3	5.4	2.0	2.5	—	—	2.4	10.8	.1
Idaho .....	9.4	4.8	5.0	1.6	3.3	4.0	2.6	3.9	4.9	.2
Illinois .....	14.6	9.9	9.5	7.6	9.1	8.8	10.6	11.3	4.2	.8
Indiana .....	10.6	6.6	6.4	4.2	5.7	5.4	5.7	7.8	2.7	.2
Iowa .....	11.5	8.9	8.6	5.8	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.9	3.0	.4
Kansas .....	11.0	6.5	6.7	2.5	5.7	3.1	5.8	3.9	2.3	1.1
Kentucky .....	12.7	9.5	9.1	5.5	6.9	3.6	2.3	9.6	2.1	1.8
Louisiana .....	9.8	4.7	5.5	2.1	3.0	1.5	2.5	7.4	2.2	1.9
Maine .....	11.3	6.8	7.8	1.7	4.4	.1	5.1	4.4	8.4	—
Maryland .....	11.4	6.3	7.7	2.5	4.8	3.4	4.1	5.4	2.4	1.7
Massachusetts .....	14.3	9.8	10.6	3.1	8.0	6.3	—	6.5	12.6	2.3
Michigan .....	8.6	5.3	5.8	2.8	4.4	3.6	4.8	4.1	1.9	.1
Minnesota .....	13.1	9.2	8.6	5.6	7.8	8.0	5.0	10.3	2.7	.5
Mississippi .....	10.7	6.3	7.0	1.4	2.9	2.1	1.5	8.3	1.0	4.0
Missouri .....	13.2	9.8	9.4	4.8	7.5	5.7	6.0	10.4	1.8	2.9
Montana .....	11.6	5.0	5.9	4.3	4.5	4.2	3.8	5.6	1.9	.8
Nebraska .....	18.6	10.9	12.5	6.8	12.3	12.2	12.0	7.7	6.5	.4
Nevada .....	12.1	1.5	3.8	1.6	2.7	15.2	.4	2.5	1.4	12.2
New Hampshire .....	11.0	8.2	8.5	1.9	6.9	.2	—	3.5	3.8	.5
New Jersey .....	12.7	6.1	7.1	1.6	4.5	3.7	3.5	5.5	4.4	.5
New Mexico .....	11.5	2.5	4.8	1.1	3.3	1.0	2.4	2.8	4.1	.1
New York .....	8.9	6.2	6.6	3.1	5.0	2.9	1.9	4.7	4.2	.2
North Carolina .....	11.8	7.1	7.7	2.1	5.2	4.8	4.6	8.5	.2	5.8
North Dakota .....	14.5	7.9	6.7	5.1	5.7	2.7	5.5	10.5	5.5	1.7
Ohio .....	10.9	7.9	7.9	5.1	7.1	6.5	7.2	7.8	3.6	.1
Oklahoma .....	15.1	8.7	9.8	3.5	7.7	1.7	6.8	7.7	.5	2.9
Oregon .....	10.5	5.3	6.8	2.5	4.1	2.2	2.9	6.0	7.4	.2
Pennsylvania .....	11.9	9.5	9.4	4.9	8.6	7.5	7.6	8.4	2.6	.7
Rhode Island .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina .....	8.7	5.2	5.5	.9	2.7	2.6	1.6	6.2	1.0	—
South Dakota .....	9.4	4.3	5.3	3.9	4.7	5.0	3.2	5.2	3.3	.1
Tennessee .....	14.1	9.6	10.7	4.2	6.1	2.9	2.5	10.2	1.6	2.1
Texas .....	14.8	6.4	9.3	2.7	6.0	2.5	5.4	7.1	3.2	1.0
Utah .....	10.4	2.9	5.8	2.8	6.1	5.2	3.8	5.7	.5	.1
Vermont .....	11.6	8.0	8.4	3.4	5.8	.1	8.0	4.6	7.0	1.0
Virginia .....	10.4	6.9	7.3	2.3	5.3	3.2	3.2	6.9	1.0	1.3
Washington .....	7.2	2.9	3.7	1.2	2.7	1.2	2.6	2.7	5.3	.2
West Virginia .....	7.1	5.7	5.9	2.2	5.6	2.9	2.8	5.6	3.2	5.8
Wisconsin .....	11.8	9.4	8.7	6.5	8.4	7.5	6.9	8.9	5.3	.4
Wyoming .....	9.6	2.6	4.4	2.8	4.9	3.0	4.3	3.7	.6	9.6

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

**Table C. Reliability Estimates of U.S. Totals for All Farms: 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	
<b>F FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>						
Farms .....	1 911 859	.12	Total farm production expenses .....	farms..	1 911 766	
Land in farms .....	931 795 255	.09	\$1,000..	150 590 993	.06	
Average size of farm .....	487	.15	Average per farm .....	dollars..	78 771	.13
<b>M MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>						
Total sales (see text) .....	farms..	1 911 859	Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms..	556 980	
\$1,000..	196 864 649	.05	\$1,000..	21 614 559	.27	
Average per farm .....	dollars..	102 970	Average per farm .....	dollars..	1 021 849	.09
Farms by value of sales:			Feed for livestock and poultry .....	farms..	32 759 966	.19
Less than \$1,000 (see text) .....	farms..	277 248	Commercially mixed formula feeds .....	farms..	616 280	.07
\$1,000..	57 828	.21	\$1,000..	21 236 173	.25	
\$1,000 to \$2,499 .....	farms..	219 266	Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms..	896 339	.19
\$1,000..	365 974	.17	\$1,000..	5 725 869	.16	
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	farms..	228 477	Commercial fertilizer .....	farms..	1 190 733	.15
\$1,000..	820 428	.15	Agricultural chemicals .....	farms..	9 597 128	.19
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	farms..	237 975	Petroleum products .....	farms..	7 581 424	.15
\$1,000..	1 692 611	.14	Electricity .....	farms..	1 760 642	.13
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	farms..	212 120	Hired farm labor .....	farms..	2 751 085	.12
\$1,000..	61 920	.16	Contract labor .....	farms..	650 623	.23
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	farms..	1 374 779	Repair and maintenance .....	farms..	14 841 036	.09
\$1,000..		.21	Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment .....	farms..	226 909	.42
\$25,000 to \$39,999 .....	farms..	117 196	\$1,000..	2 959 005	.27	
\$1,000..	3 702 805	.20	Interest .....	farms..	1 538 058	.14
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	farms..	53 509	Secured by real estate .....	farms..	597 624	.26
\$1,000..	2 381 500	.24	\$1,000..	3 210 309	.25	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	farms..	158 160	Not secured by real estate .....	farms..	810 476	.21
\$1,000..	11 346 504	.22	\$1,000..	8 928 107	.17	
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	farms..	189 417	\$1,000..	569 775	.26	
\$1,000..	30 143 329	.19	Not secured by real estate .....	farms..	5 449 597	.22
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	farms..	87 777	\$1,000..	461 326	.29	
\$1,000..	30 505 216	.06	Not secured by real estate .....	farms..	3 478 510	.19
\$500,000 or more .....	farms..	68 794	Cash rent .....	farms..	485 512	.27
\$1,000..	111 476 056	-	Property taxes .....	farms..	6 915 677	.23
Sales by commodity or commodity group:			All other farm production expenses .....	farms..	1 771 787	.13
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	farms..	1 037 036	\$1,000..	3 920 133	.18	
\$1,000..	98 055 656	.13	All other farm production expenses .....	farms..	1 689 391	.13
Grains .....	farms..	589 379	\$1,000..	14 777 437	.10	
\$1,000..	46 617 111	.17				
Corn for grain .....	farms..	359 666				
\$1,000..	18 884 767	.22				
Wheat .....	farms..	241 334				
\$1,000..	7 173 922	.18				
Soybeans .....	farms..	353 566				
\$1,000..	15 622 419	.21				
Sorghum for grain .....	farms..	44 955				
\$1,000..	1 140 048	.40				
Barley .....	farms..	30 598				
\$1,000..	709 602	.25				
Oats .....	farms..	38 940				
\$1,000..	121 278	.27				
Other grains .....	farms..	43 901				
\$1,000..	2 965 074	.21				
		.12				
Cotton and cottonseed .....	farms..	31 456				
\$1,000..	5 975 478	.25				
Tobacco .....	farms..	89 544				
\$1,000..	2 924 710	.36				
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	farms..	354 523				
\$1,000..	4 670 487	.22				
		.10				
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	farms..	53 641				
\$1,000..	8 401 697	.16				
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	farms..	85 973				
\$1,000..	12 660 262	.25				
		.12				
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	farms..	67 816				
\$1,000..	10 942 816	.17				
Other crops .....	farms..	38 095				
\$1,000..	5 863 096	.05				
		.04				
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	farms..	1 176 054				
\$1,000..	98 808 993	.12				
Poultry and poultry products .....	farms..	63 246				
\$1,000..	22 262 596	.04				
Dairy products .....	farms..	99 238				
\$1,000..	18 997 334	.02				
Cattle and calves .....	farms..	1 011 809				
\$1,000..	40 524 836	.14				
Hogs and pigs .....	farms..	102 106				
\$1,000..	13 804 835	.05				
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	farms..	62 579				
\$1,000..	682 916	.06				
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	farms..	123 695				
\$1,000..	2 536 476	.11				
		.15				
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	farms..	93 140				
\$1,000..	550 947	.14				
		.16				
<b>F FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES<sup>1</sup></b>						
Total farm production expenses .....	farms..	1 911 766				
\$1,000..	150 590 993	.12				
Average per farm .....	dollars..	78 771				
		.13				
<b>NET CASH RETURN FROM AGRICULTURAL SALES FOR THE FARM UNIT (SEE TEXT)<sup>1</sup></b>						
All farms .....	number..	1 911 824				
\$1,000..	42 557 871	.12				
Average per farm .....	dollars..	22 260				
		.19				
Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> .....	number..	985 718				
\$1,000..	50 563 718	.18				
Average net gain .....	dollars..	51 296				
		.21				
Farms with net losses .....	number..	926 106				
\$1,000..	8 005 847	.19				
Average net loss .....	dollars..	8 645				
		.25				
		.32				
<b>GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME</b>						
Government payments .....	farms..	685 029				
\$1,000..	5 054 473	.16				
Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> .....	farms..	545 480				
\$1,000..	3 272 268	.13				
Customwork and other agricultural services .....	farms..	142 854				
\$1,000..	1 235 117	.48				
Gross cash rent or share payments .....	farms..	175 901				
\$1,000..	1 207 934	.57				
Forest products excluding Christmas trees and maple products .....	farms..	46 426				
\$1,000..	344 337	.83				
Other farm-related income sources .....	farms..	303 908				
\$1,000..	484 881	.53				
		.60				
<b>COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS</b>						
Total .....	farms..	83 328				
\$1,000..	3 034 713	.20				
		.15				

See footnotes at end of table.

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Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)			
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>								
Total cropland .....	farms.. acres..	1 661 395 .12	All operators .....	farms.. acres..	1 911 859 .12			
Harvested cropland .....	farms.. acres..	431 144 896 .11	Full owners .....	farms.. acres..	931 795 255 .09			
Farms by acres harvested:			Part owners .....	farms.. acres..	1 146 891 .12			
1 to 9 acres .....	farms.. acres..	220 041 .14	Tenants .....	farms.. acres..	316 044 548 .10			
10 to 19 acres .....	farms.. acres..	168 018 .15		farms.. acres..	573 839 .13			
20 to 29 acres .....	farms.. acres..	2 227 614 .15		farms.. acres..	507 673 344 .09			
30 to 49 acres .....	farms.. acres..	124 456 .15		farms.. acres..	191 129 .16			
50 to 99 acres .....	farms.. acres..	2 835 763 .15		farms.. acres..	108 077 363 .13			
100 to 199 acres .....	farms.. acres..	13 514 845 .16	<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>					
200 to 499 acres .....	farms.. acres..	175 196 .21	All operators .....	farms.. acres..	1 729 486 .12			
500 to 999 acres .....	farms.. acres..	24 255 447 .21	Owned land in farms .....	farms.. acres..	611 960 421 .10			
1,000 acres or more .....	farms.. acres..	189 243 .21	Land rented or leased from others .....	farms.. acres..	1 720 730 .12			
Cropland:			Rented or leased land in farms .....	farms.. acres..	553 705 270 .09			
Pasture or grazing only .....	farms.. acres..	754 170 .13	Land rented or leased to others .....	farms.. acres..	771 190 .13			
Other cropland .....	farms.. acres..	64 466 542 .16		farms.. acres..	384 287 662 .10			
Total woodland .....	farms.. acres..	435 619 .13		farms.. acres..	2 079 344 .12			
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured .....	farms.. acres..	550 619 .14		farms.. acres..	764 968 .13			
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. ....	farms.. acres..	396 884 553 .09		farms.. acres..	378 089 985 .09			
Irrigated land .....	farms.. acres..	32 300 375 .12	<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>					
Acres irrigated:			Land owned .....	farms.. acres..	258 167 .14			
1 to 9 acres .....	farms.. acres..	87 238 .20	Owned land in farms .....	farms.. acres..	64 452 828 .27			
10 to 49 acres .....	farms.. acres..	295 717 .21	Land rented or leased from others .....	farms.. acres..	1 361 766 .12			
50 to 99 acres .....	farms.. acres..	68 451 .23	Rented or leased land in farms .....	farms.. acres..	412 554 .16			
100 to 199 acres .....	farms.. acres..	1 616 361 .24	Land rented or leased to others .....	farms.. acres..	137 539 .12			
200 to 499 acres .....	farms.. acres..	28 412 .27	<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
500 to 999 acres .....	farms.. acres..	1 979 440 .28	Operators by place of residence:					
1,000 acres or more .....	farms.. acres..	29 812 .28	On farm operated .....	farms.. acres..	961 560 .12			
Harvested cropland irrigated .....	farms.. acres..	4 121 593 .28	Not on farm operated .....	farms.. acres..	950 299 .13			
Pasture and other land irrigated .....	farms.. acres..	35 314 .25	Not reported .....	farms.. acres..				
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs .....	farms.. acres..	11 126 404 .25	<b>OPERATORS BY PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION</b>					
Estimated market value of land and buildings .....	farms.. \$1,000..	13 010 164 .17	Operators by principal occupation:					
Average per farm .....	dollars..	11 349 .06	Farming .....	farms.. acres..	1 042 158 .13			
Average per acre .....	dollars..	933 .05	Other .....	farms.. acres..	709 279 .13			
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>								
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment .....	farms.. \$1,000..	1 911 823 .12	<b>OPERATORS BY DAYS WORKED OFF FARM</b>					
Average per farm .....	dollars..	859 839 242 .14	Operators by days worked off farm:					
Average per acre .....	dollars..	449 748 .18	Any .....	farms.. acres..	1 746 757 .12			
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>			200 days or more .....	farms.. acres..	884 330 123 .09			
Estimated market value of all agricultural chemicals .....	farms.. acres on which used..	57 678 .20	<b>OPERATORS BY SEX</b>					
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms.. acres on which used..	1 184 975 .17	Operators by sex:					
See footnotes at end of table.		.16	Male .....	farms.. acres..	165 102 .15			
			Female .....	farms.. acres..	47 465 132 .18			
<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>			<b>AVERAGE AGE OF OPERATOR</b>					
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>			Average age of operator .....	years..	54.3 .17			
			<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>					
			Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	farms.. acres..	1 643 424 .12			
			Partnership .....	farms.. acres..	585 464 911 .11			
			Corporation:		169 462 .17			
			Family held .....	farms.. acres..	76 103 .17			
			More than 10 stockholders .....	farms.. acres..	119 559 203 .08			
			10 or less stockholders .....	farms.. acres..	1 795 .51			
			Other than family held .....	farms.. acres..	74 308 .17			
			More than 10 stockholders .....	farms.. acres..	7 899 .33			
			10 or less stockholders .....	farms.. acres..	11 904 053 .14			
			Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms.. acres..	1 029 .67			
				farms.. acres..	6 870 .36			
				farms.. acres..	14 971 .29			
				farms.. acres..	65 545 604 .05			
<b>Hired Farm Labor<sup>1</sup></b>			<b>FARM-RELATED INJURIES</b>					
			Hired workers by days worked:					
			150 days or more .....	farms.. workers..	259 631 .33			
			Less than 150 days .....	farms.. workers..	890 467 .18			
				farms.. workers..	581 658 .25			
				farms.. workers..	2 461 561 .31			
<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>			<b>FARM-RELATED DEATHS</b>					
			Farm-related injuries:					
			Operator and family members .....	farms.. number..	19 025 .25			
			Hired workers .....	farms.. number..	21 793 .26			
			Farm-related deaths:					
			Operator and family members .....	farms.. number..	14 238 .16			
			Hired workers .....	farms.. number..	28 751 .11			

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Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)			
<b>F FARMS BY SIZE</b>								
1 to 9 acres .....	farms.. 153 515 acres.. 649 057	.16 .16	Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms.. 102 106 number.. 142 611 882 \$1,000.. 13 804 835	.17 .06 .06			
10 to 49 acres .....	farms.. 410 833 acres.. 10 964 237	.14 .14	Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory .....	farms.. 65 790 number.. 7 821 885	.16 .13			
50 to 69 acres .....	farms.. 125 985 acres.. 7 318 098	.16 .16	Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms.. 59 575 number.. 7 331 545	.17 .12			
70 to 99 acres .....	farms.. 169 048 acres.. 13 912 939	.14 .14	Horses and ponies inventory .....	farms.. 375 218 number.. 2 427 277	.12 .14			
100 to 139 acres .....	farms.. 161 660 acres.. 18 778 397	.15 .15	Horses and ponies sold .....	farms.. 79 516 number.. 325 306	.16 .29			
140 to 179 acres .....	farms.. 136 279 acres.. 21 459 734	.16 .17	<b>P Poultry</b>					
180 to 219 acres .....	farms.. 91 055 acres.. 17 998 364	.18 .18	Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms.. 72 616 number.. 366 989 851	.16 .09			
220 to 259 acres .....	farms.. 73 469 acres.. 17 483 499	.20 .20	Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms.. 69 761 number.. 313 851 480	.16 .08			
260 to 499 acres .....	farms.. 238 245 acres.. 85 444 119	.18 .18	Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms.. 23 937 number.. 6 741 927 110	.12 .02			
500 to 999 acres .....	farms.. 175 690 acres.. 122 093 219	.19 .19	<b>S SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>					
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	farms.. 101 468 acres.. 138 793 018	.16 .16	Corn for grain or seed .....	farms.. 430 711 acres.. 69 796 716	.21 .17			
2,000 acres or more .....	farms.. 74 612 acres.. 476 900 574	.11 .06	Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms.. 119 308 acres.. 5 727 594 bushels.. 8 578 634 770	.27 .16 .17			
<b>F FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>								
Oilseed and grain farming (1111) .....	farms.. 462 877 acres.. 285 180 192	.18 .13	Sorghum for grain or seed .....	farms.. 49 397 acres.. 8 470 353	.39 .25			
Vegetable and melon farming (1112) .....	farms.. 31 030 acres.. 10 244 449	.19 .10	Wheat for grain .....	farms.. 559 070 136 acres.. 243 568	.26 .18			
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) .....	farms.. 81 956 acres.. 10 376 512	.28 .17	Barley for grain .....	farms.. 58 836 344 acres.. 2 204 026 684	.14 .12			
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) .....	farms.. 57 192 acres.. 3 930 989	.18 .22	Oats for grain .....	farms.. 41 930 bushels.. 336 435 009	.25 .15			
Other crop farming (1119) .....	farms.. 269 317 acres.. 93 836 860	.15 .10	Rice .....	farms.. 9 291 acres.. 3 122 120	.27 .17			
Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111) .....	farms.. 656 181 acres.. 423 921 264	.15 .10	Cotton .....	farms.. 5 944 951 bushels.. 8 470 353	.18 .26			
Cattle feedlots (112112) .....	farms.. 43 469 acres.. 20 452 846	.19 .16	Tobacco .....	farms.. 89 706 acres.. 182 231 457	.26 .20			
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) .....	farms.. 86 022 acres.. 30 612 398	.35 .26	Soybeans for beans .....	farms.. 8 838 530 acres.. 1 747 702 321	.25 .23			
Hog and pig farming (1122) .....	farms.. 46 353 acres.. 11 704 267	.19 .17	Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas .....	farms.. 354 692 acres.. 2 504 307 294	.15 .16			
Poultry and egg production (1123) .....	farms.. 36 944 acres.. 5 460 258	.12 .13	Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms.. 66 147 726 acres.. 10 911	.08 .40			
Sheep and goat farming (1124) .....	farms.. 29 938 acres.. 20 359 276	.23 .15	Sugar beets for sugar .....	farms.. 1 691 899 acres.. 27 223 851	.13 .23			
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) .....	farms.. 110 580 acres.. 15 715 944	.15 .22	Peanuts for nuts .....	farms.. 1 352 155 acres.. 3 377 142 874	.14 .16			
<b>L LIVESTOCK</b>								
Cattle and calves inventory .....	farms.. 1 046 863 number.. 98 989 244	.13 .09	Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms.. 888 597 acres.. 60 799 788	.12 .12			
Beef cows .....	farms.. 804 595 number.. 34 066 615	.14 .12	Tons, dry.. 139 365 313	Alfalfa hay .....	.18 .17			
Milk cows .....	farms.. 116 874 number.. 9 095 439	.28 .16	farms.. 358 365 acres.. 21 309 784	.16 .14				
Cattle and calves sold .....	farms.. 1 011 809 number.. 74 089 046	.13 .06	Tons, dry.. 65 863 206	Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	.14 .16			
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms.. 109 754 number.. 61 206 236	.16 .07	farms.. 53 727 acres.. 3 773 219	Land in orchards .....	.07 .24			

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.

**Table D. Reliability Estimates of U.S. Totals for Farms With Sales of \$10,000 or More:  
1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>F FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS</b>					
Farms .....	948 893	.14	Total farm production expenses .....	farms..	947 131
Land in farms .....	802 346	.09	\$1,000..	145 031	.06
Average size of farm .....	288 acres.	.17	Average per farm .....	dollars..	153 127
<b>M MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD</b>					
Total sales (see text) .....	948 893 farms..	.14	Livestock and poultry purchased .....	farms..	346 780
\$1,000..	193 927	.05	\$1,000..	21 185	.09
Average per farm .....	809 dollars..	.15	Average per farm .....	dollars..	541 598
Farms by value of sales:			Commercial mixed formula feeds .....	farms..	32 169
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	212 120 farms..	.15	\$1,000..	353 389	.30
\$1,000..	2 997	.15	\$1,000..	21 004	.08
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	61 920 farms..	.21	Average per farm .....	dollars..	812
\$1,000..	1 374	.21	Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees .....	farms..	662 646
\$25,000 to \$39,999.....	117 196 farms..	.20	\$1,000..	5 632	.20
\$1,000..	3 702	.20	Agricultural chemicals .....	farms..	754 108
\$40,000 to \$49,999.....	53 509 farms..	.23	\$1,000..	9 219	.15
\$1,000..	2 381	.23	Petroleum products .....	farms..	663 490
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	158 160 farms..	.21	\$1,000..	7 442	.15
\$1,000..	11 346	.22	Average per farm .....	dollars..	245
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	189 417 farms..	.19	Electricity .....	farms..	927 608
\$1,000..	30 143	.19	\$1,000..	5 917	.15
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	87 777 farms..	.07	Hired farm labor .....	farms..	646 474
\$1,000..	30 505	.06	\$1,000..	14 698	.09
\$500,000 or more .....	68 794 farms..	—	Contract labor .....	farms..	157 726
\$1,000..	111 476	—	\$1,000..	2 891	.46
Sales by commodity or commodity group:			Repair and maintenance .....	farms..	878 678
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	707 556 farms..	.15	\$1,000..	867 589	.28
\$1,000..	97 014	.07	Average per farm .....	dollars..	14
Grains .....	498 824 farms..	.19	Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment .....	farms..	785 052
\$1,000..	46 296	.13	\$1,000..	421 620	.14
Corn for grain .....	318 871 farms..	.23	Average per farm .....	dollars..	.26
\$1,000..	18 771	.17	Interest .....	farms..	3 084 158
Wheat .....	217 573 farms..	.19	\$1,000..	574 680	.23
\$1,000..	7 110	.12	Secured by real estate .....	farms..	8 308 435
Soybeans .....	316 848 farms..	.22	\$1,000..	389 539	.17
\$1,000..	15 503	.16	Not secured by real estate .....	farms..	4 919 240
Sorghum for grain .....	41 531 farms..	.41	\$1,000..	369 754	.23
\$1,000..	1 130	.25	Average per farm .....	dollars..	.30
Barley .....	28 280 farms..	.27	All farms .....	number..	3 389 195
\$1,000..	704	.14	\$1,000..	947 146	.20
Oats .....	32 294 farms..	.29	Average per farm .....	dollars..	.14
\$1,000..	114	.27	Farms with net gains <sup>2</sup> .....	number..	45 172
Other grains .....	41 941 farms..	.21	\$1,000..	675	.67
\$1,000..	2 960	.12	Average net gain .....	dollars..	47 693
Cotton and cottonseed .....	29 968 farms..	.24	Farms with net losses .....	number..	722 320
\$1,000..	5 969	.07	\$1,000..	50 044	.19
Tobacco .....	55 210 farms..	.42	Average net loss .....	dollars..	897
\$1,000..	2 793	.22	\$1,000..	69 284	.12
Hay, silage, and field seeds .....	193 171 farms..	.15	Farms with net losses .....	number..	224 826
\$1,000..	4 314	.10	\$1,000..	4 872	.42
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons .....	37 860 farms..	.17	Average net loss .....	dollars..	222 222
\$1,000..	8 357	.03	\$1,000..	21 671	.34
Fruits, nuts, and berries .....	52 919 farms..	.32	GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER FARM-RELATED INCOME		.54
\$1,000..	12 575	.12			
Nursery and greenhouse crops .....	41 009 farms..	.19	Government payments .....	farms..	816 994
\$1,000..	10 860	.04	\$1,000..	488 672	.104
Other crops .....	31 503 farms..	.18	Other farm-related income <sup>1</sup> .....	farms..	355 273
\$1,000..	5 847	.04	\$1,000..	4 308 498	.54
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	606 320 farms..	.15	Customwork and other agricultural services .....	farms..	2 597 628
\$1,000..	96 913	.04	\$1,000..	103 681	.65
Poultry and poultry products .....	40 431 farms..	.12	Gross cash rent or share payments .....	farms..	1 119 039
\$1,000..	22 246	.02	\$1,000..	82 608	.90
Dairy products .....	97 645 farms..	.33	\$1,000..	816 994	.75
\$1,000..	18 992	.14	Forest products excluding Christmas trees and maple products .....	farms..	21 060
Cattle and calves .....	530 481 farms..	.15	\$1,000..	211 771	.46
\$1,000..	38 904	.05	Other farm-related income sources .....	farms..	242 959
Hogs and pigs .....	77 328 farms..	.20	\$1,000..	449 824	.56
\$1,000..	13 757	.06	Average per farm .....	dollars..	.20
Sheep, lambs, and wool .....	28 361 farms..	.23	Total .....	farms..	79 715
\$1,000..	633	.12	\$1,000..	3 030	.21
Other livestock and livestock products (see text) .....	47 211 farms..	.18	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS		
\$1,000..	2 378	.10			
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (see text) .....	40 237 farms..	.19			
\$1,000..	477 926	.17			

See footnotes at end of table.

## C-12 APPENDIX C

## 1997 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

**Table D. Reliability Estimates of U.S. Totals for Farms With Sales of \$10,000 or More:  
1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)
<b>LAND IN FARMS ACCORDING TO USE</b>					
Total cropland .....	farms..	884 465	.14		
acres..		382 622 706	.11		
Harvested cropland.....	farms..	845 204	.15		
acres..		294 874 241	.11		
Cropland:					
Pasture or grazing only .....	farms..	347 234	.16		
acres..		44 175 749	.17		
Total woodland .....	farms..	336 972	.16		
acres..		44 666 603	.12		
Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured .....	farms..	284 784	.16		
acres..		350 784 747	.08		
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. ....	farms..	576 614	.15		
acres..		24 272 232	.12		
Irrigated land .....	farms..	190 653	.18		
acres..		53 455 455	.11		
Harvested cropland irrigated .....	farms..	182 862	.18		
acres..		49 139 204	.11		
Pasture and other land irrigated .....	farms..	27 696	.24		
acres..		4 316 251	.28		
Land under Conservation Reserve or Wetlands Reserve Programs .....	farms..	110 608	.20		
acres..		16 614 806	.21		
<b>VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS<sup>1</sup></b>					
Estimated market value of land and buildings .....	farms..	947 145	.14		
\$1,000..		682 773 777	.15		
Average per farm .....	dollars..	720 876	.21		
Average per acre .....	dollars..	862	.21		
<b>VALUE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>					
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment .....	farms..	947 053	.14		
\$1,000..		89 431 563	.18		
Average per farm .....	dollars..	94 431	.23		
<b>AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS<sup>1</sup></b>					
Commercial fertilizer .....	farms..	752 193	.18		
acres on which used..		221 979 806	.17		
<b>TENURE OF OPERATOR</b>					
All operators .....	farms..	948 893	.14		
acres..		802 346 288	.09		
Full owners .....	farms..	403 585	.14		
acres..		231 938 477	.09		
Part owners .....	farms..	419 056	.15		
acres..		474 105 946	.09		
Tenants .....	farms..	126 252	.19		
acres..		96 301 865	.13		
<b>OWNED AND RENTED LAND</b>					
Land owned .....	farms..	828 752	.14		
acres..		490 228 739	.09		
Owned land in farms .....	farms..	822 641	.14		
acres..		454 163 107	.09		
Land rented or leased from others .....	farms..	548 438	.15		
acres..		353 184 831	.09		
Rented or leased land in farms .....	landlords..	1 709 344	.13		
farms..		545 308	.15		
Land rented or leased to others .....	farms..	121 486	.17		
acres..		41 067 282	.32		
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
Operators by place of residence:					
On farm operated .....		681 129	.15		
Not on farm operated .....		200 892	.18		
Not reported .....		66 872	.12		
Operators by principal occupation:					
Farming .....		674 958	.14		
Other .....		273 935	.16		
Operators by days worked off farm:					
Any .....		403 743	.16		
200 days or more .....		229 401	.16		
Operators by sex:					
Male .....		896 825	.14		
Female .....		52 068	.20		
Average age of operator .....	years..	53.2	.20		
<b>FARMS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>					
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) .....	farms..	757 782	.15		
acres..		484 717 763	.12		
Partnership .....	farms..	114 187	.18		
acres..		138 076 064	.09		
Corporation:					
Family held .....	farms..	63 995	.16		
acres..		115 359 141	.08		
More than 10 stockholders .....	farms..	1 524	.48		
acres..		62 471	.16		
10 or less stockholders .....	farms..	5 787	.33		
acres..		11 010 981	.12		
Other than family held .....	farms..	826	.61		
acres..		4 961	.37		
More than 10 stockholders .....	farms..	7 142	.37		
acres..		53 182 339	.05		
<b>Hired Farm Labor<sup>1</sup></b>					
Hired workers by days worked:					
150 days or more .....	farms..	221 807	.33		
workers..		850 598	.18		
Less than 150 days .....	farms..	407 895	.28		
workers..		2 089 155	.33		
<b>INJURIES AND DEATHS</b>					
Farm-related injuries:					
Operator and family members .....	farms..	12 564	.29		
number..		14 520	.30		
Hired workers .....	farms..	13 353	.15		
number..		27 563	.10		
Farm-related deaths:					
Operator and family members .....	farms..	328	—		
number..		352	—		
Hired workers .....	farms..	145	—		
number..		164	—		
<b>FARMS BY SIZE</b>					
1 to 9 acres .....		37 932	.21		
10 to 49 acres .....		81 110	.19		
50 to 69 acres .....		33 196	.21		
70 to 99 acres .....		56 894	.19		
100 to 139 acres .....		67 522	.20		
140 to 179 acres .....		70 209	.21		
180 to 219 acres .....		53 476	.23		
220 to 259 acres .....		48 325	.24		
260 to 499 acres .....		181 064	.20		
500 to 999 acres .....		154 105	.20		
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....		94 106	.16		
2,000 acres or more .....		70 954	.10		
<b>FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM</b>					
Oilseed and grain farming (1111) .....		322 062	.22		
Vegetable and melon farming (1112) .....		19 687	.21		
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113) .....		41 301	.38		
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114) .....		34 136	.20		
Other crop farming (1119) .....		120 201	.19		
Cattle feedlots (112112) .....		216 426	.17		
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212) .....		21 555	.25		
Hog and pig farming (1122) .....		85 041	.35		
Poultry and egg production (1123) .....		33 561	.22		
Sheep and goat farming (1124) .....		29 667	.11		
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129) .....		4 890	.42		
LIVESTOCK					
Cattle and calves inventory .....	farms..	523 849	.15		
number..		87 006 751	.09		
Beef cows .....	farms..	370 597	.16		
number..		27 651 308	.13		
Milk cows .....	farms..	101 642	.31		
number..		9 050 815	.16		
Cattle and calves sold .....	farms..	530 481	.15		
number..		69 291 341	.06		
\$1,000..		38 904 201	.05		
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms..	76 413	.19		
number..		60 720 537	.07		
Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms..	77 328	.20		
number..		142 088 754	.06		
\$1,000..		13 757 488	.06		
Sheep and lambs of all ages inventory .....	farms..	28 853	.22		
number..		6 869 121	.13		
Sheep and lambs sold .....	farms..	27 495	.23		
number..		6 661 585	.13		
Horses and ponies inventory .....	farms..	143 149	.14		
number..		1 090 622	.18		
Horses and ponies sold .....	farms..	30 850	.21		
number..		217 402	.40		

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1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	Item	Total	Relative standard error of estimate (percent)	
<b>POULTRY</b>						
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms.. number..	25 485 .22 .09	Barley for grain .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	38 613 5 878 111 333 658 166	.26 .18 .15
Layers 20 weeks old and older .....	farms.. number..	24 029 .22 .08	Oats for grain .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	74 729 2 500 006 143 107 630	.30 .26 .24
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms.. number..	20 827 6 736 903 105 .11 .02	Rice .....	farms.. acres.. cwt..	9 142 3 119 375 182 125 496	.31 .17 .20
<b>SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED</b>						
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	374 655 69 036 120 8 517 750 600 .23 .17 .17	Tobacco .....	farms.. acres.. pounds..	29 980 13 200 232 782 879 1 661 470 792	.24 .13 .24 .23
Corn for silage or green chop .....	farms.. acres.. tons, green..	109 745 5 605 723 86 975 750 .28 .16 .14	Soybeans for beans .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	317 386 65 351 069 2 482 517 552	.22 .15 .16
Sorghum for grain or seed.....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	45 348 8 352 412 553 658 575 .40 .25 .26	Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas .....	farms.. acres.. cwt..	10 409 1 685 290 27 148 726	.40 .23 .23
Wheat for grain .....	farms.. acres.. bushels..	218 675 57 983 737 2 180 839 075 .19 .13 .12	Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes .....	farms.. acres.. cwt..	7 709 1 352 110 459 489 296	.06 .05 .05
			Sugar beets for sugar.....	farms.. acres.. tons..	7 019 1 452 984 29 761 813	.32 .14 .13
			Peanuts for nuts .....	farms.. acres.. pounds..	11 100 1 340 719 3 362 533 363	.34 .16 .14
			Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms.. acres.. tons, dry..	482 703 49 745 283 120 707 645	.16 .13 .12
			Alfalfa hay.....	farms.. acres.. tons, dry..	258 557 19 357 007 61 963 590	.21 .17 .15
			Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms.. acres.. farms..	37 903 3 729 935 51 259	.17 .07 .33
			Land in orchards .....	farms.. acres..	4 717 992	.16

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains of less than \$1,000.

**Table E. Reliability Estimates of Percent Change in U.S. Totals: 1992 to 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms		Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more		
	Percent change from 1992 to 1997	Standard error of estimate	Percent change from 1992 to 1997	Standard error of estimate	
Farms ..... number..	-.7	.12	-6.9	.13	
Land in farms ..... acres..	-1.5	.09	-2.4	.08	
Average size of farm .....	-.8	.15	4.8	.17	
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :					
Average per farm ..... dollars..	26.0	.15	32.1	.28	
Average per acre ..... dollars..	28.3	.26	27.5	.27	
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :					
Average per farm ..... dollars..	18.7	.24	20.8	.28	
Farms by size:					
1 to 9 acres .....	-7.8	.14	-13.1	.18	
10 to 49 acres .....	6.0	.15	-1.1	.18	
50 to 179 acres .....	1.5	.13	-6.8	.15	
180 to 499 acres .....	-5.8	.16	-11.0	.17	
500 to 999 acres .....	-5.7	.18	-8.0	.18	
1,000 to 1,999 acres .....	-.4	.16	-1.8	.16	
2,000 acres or more .....	5.1	.11	4.9	.11	
Total cropland ..... farms..	-2.1	.12	-6.7	.13	
acres..	-1.0	.11	-1.9	.11	
Harvested cropland ..... farms..	-5.4	.11	-6.6	.14	
acres..	4.5	.11	4.9	.11	
Irrigated land ..... farms..	—	.16	1.8	.18	
acres..	11.4	.12	11.9	.12	
Market value of agricultural products sold .....	\$1,000..	21.1	.06	21.5	
Average per farm ..... dollars..	21.9	.16	30.5	.20	
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops .....	\$1,000..	30.3	.09	31.0	
Livestock, poultry, and their products .....	\$1,000..	13.1	.05	13.3	
Farms by value of sales:					
Less than \$2,500 .....	17.4	.17	(X)	(X)	
\$2,500 to \$4,999 .....	-1.5	.15	(X)	(X)	
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	-5.5	.13	(X)	(X)	
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	-9.2	.14	-9.2	.14	
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	-12.6	.17	-12.6	.17	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	-15.8	.18	-15.8	.18	
\$100,000 to \$249,999 .....	-9.1	.17	-9.1	.17	
\$250,000 to \$499,999 .....	11.8	.08	11.8	.07	
\$500,000 or more .....	46.6	—	46.6	—	
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	\$1,000..	15.1	.07	15.4	
Average per farm ..... dollars..	16.0	.16	24.0	.19	
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>1</sup> .....	farms..	-.7	.12	-6.9	
\$1,000..	39.9	.21	39.0	.19	
Average per farm .....	dollars..	40.9	.27	49.3	.30
Operators by principal occupation:					
Farming .....	-8.7	.11	-10.5	.13	
Other .....	9.0	.14	3.5	.16	
Operators by days worked off farm:					
Any .....	5.0	.13	-8	.16	
200 days or more .....	6.6	.14	1.3	.16	
Livestock and poultry:					
Cattle and calves inventory .....	farms..	-2.6	.13	-8.8	
number..	3.0	.09	2.2	.09	
Beef cows .....	farms..	.2	.14	-4.2	.15
number..	4.7	.13	3.3	.13	
Milk cows .....	farms..	-24.8	.21	-25.2	.23
number..	-4.2	.15	-4.2	.15	
Cattle and calves sold .....	farms..	-2.2	.13	-8.6	.14
number..	5.0	.07	4.4	.06	
Hogs and pigs inventory .....	farms..	-42.6	.09	-44.7	.11
number..	6.3	.07	7.5	.07	
Hogs and pigs sold .....	farms..	-45.7	.09	-45.8	.11
number..	28.1	.08	29.4	.08	
Sheep and lambs inventory .....	farms..	-18.6	.13	-24.0	.17
number..	27.4	.09	-27.1	.10	
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) .....	farms..	-17.7	.13	-20.9	.17
number..	4.5	.09	4.5	.09	
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold .....	farms..	-.1	.12	—	.11
number..	24.2	.03	24.1	.03	
Selected crops harvested:					
Corn for grain or seed .....	farms..	-14.5	.18	-11.3	.20
acres..	.7	.17	1.3	.17	
bushels..	-1.4	.17	-.9	.17	
Wheat for grain .....	farms..	-16.7	.15	-13.5	.16
acres..	-.4	.14	.4	.14	
bushels..	-.1	.12	.4	.12	
Cotton .....	farms..	-9.5	.22	-6.5	.23
acres..	20.7	.15	21.1	.15	
bales..	16.3	.09	16.5	.09	
Soybeans for beans .....	farms..	-6.9	.20	-3.8	.21
acres..	17.4	.18	18.4	.18	
bushels..	22.0	.20	22.8	.20	
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) .....	farms..	-1.8	.12	-7.1	.15
acres..	7.4	.13	6.3	.14	
tons, dry..	9.8	.13	8.5	.13	
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) .....	farms..	-13.3	.14	-10.0	.16
acres..	-.2	.07	.5	.07	
Land in orchards .....	farms..	-8.7	.22	-1.3	.32
acres..	8.1	.19	10.8	.18	

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farms		Land in farms		Average size of farm		Average market value of land and buildings per farm <sup>2</sup>		Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>2</sup>	
	Total (number)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (acres)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (acres)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
<b>United States .</b>	<b>1 911 859</b>	.12	<b>931 795 255</b>	.09	<b>487</b>	.15	<b>449 748</b>	.18	<b>110 256 802</b>	.17
Alabama .....	41 384	.6	8 704 385	.4	210	.7	298 244	1.1	1 485 851	.9
Alaska .....	548	—	881 045	—	1 608	—	486 827	—	28 993	—
Arizona .....	6 135	.9	26 866 722	.1	4 379	.9	1 689 258	1.1	434 252	1.5
Arkansas .....	45 142	.4	14 364 955	.3	318	.5	360 114	.9	2 510 490	.7
California .....	74 126	.6	27 698 779	.3	374	.7	941 170	.8	5 155 473	.7
Colorado .....	28 268	.7	32 634 221	.5	1 154	.9	707 165	1.3	2 019 029	1.2
Connecticut .....	3 687	.7	359 313	.6	97	.9	571 074	2.3	151 760	2.6
Delaware .....	2 460	.8	579 545	.5	236	1.0	609 974	3.0	187 259	3.1
Florida .....	34 799	.6	10 454 217	.2	300	.7	662 538	.9	1 421 654	.9
Georgia .....	40 334	.6	10 671 246	.4	265	.7	392 577	1.1	1 791 247	.8
Hawaii .....	5 473	.7	1 439 071	.1	263	.8	632 281	.9	211 775	.4
Idaho .....	22 314	.5	11 830 167	.4	530	.7	536 521	1.1	1 740 107	1.0
Illinois .....	73 051	.8	27 204 780	.7	372	1.1	773 141	1.2	6 606 816	1.0
Indiana .....	57 916	.4	15 111 022	.3	261	.6	532 663	.8	3 709 854	.8
Iowa .....	90 792	.6	31 166 699	.5	343	.8	566 587	.9	7 318 851	.8
Kansas .....	61 593	.7	46 089 268	.6	748	.9	430 533	1.1	4 560 051	.9
Kentucky .....	82 273	.6	13 334 234	.5	162	.8	230 274	1.0	2 741 593	.9
Louisiana .....	23 823	.4	7 876 528	.3	331	.5	380 871	1.0	1 414 014	1.1
Maine .....	5 810	.5	1 211 648	.5	209	.7	251 074	1.6	282 151	2.2
Maryland .....	12 084	.8	2 154 875	.6	178	1.0	563 605	1.7	728 486	1.5
Massachusetts .....	5 574	.7	518 299	.6	93	1.0	455 014	2.4	225 043	2.2
Michigan .....	46 027	.9	9 872 812	.8	215	1.2	358 166	1.3	3 055 199	1.1
Minnesota .....	73 367	.6	25 994 621	.5	354	.7	407 863	.8	6 208 376	.8
Mississippi .....	31 318	.3	10 124 822	.2	323	.4	337 081	1.0	1 621 991	.8
Missouri .....	98 860	.6	28 826 188	.5	292	.7	309 430	.9	4 058 126	.8
Montana .....	24 279	.4	58 607 778	.2	2 414	.5	699 069	1.0	1 895 934	1.0
Nebraska .....	51 454	.9	45 525 414	.6	885	1.1	567 468	1.3	4 348 888	1.1
Nevada .....	2 829	.8	6 409 288	.2	2 266	.9	876 417	1.8	196 289	2.4
New Hampshire .....	2 937	.6	415 031	.7	141	.9	323 523	2.6	110 872	2.7
New Jersey .....	9 101	.6	832 600	.4	91	.7	594 206	1.4	436 613	1.2
New Mexico .....	14 094	.5	45 787 108	.2	3 249	.5	625 307	1.5	619 915	1.8
New York .....	31 757	.5	7 254 470	.4	228	.6	286 620	1.1	1 906 163	.9
North Carolina .....	49 406	.5	9 122 379	.3	185	.6	375 895	.9	2 425 402	.8
North Dakota .....	30 504	.9	39 359 346	.6	1 290	1.1	512 734	1.2	3 415 776	1.0
Ohio .....	68 591	.4	14 103 085	.3	206	.6	414 773	.8	3 952 140	.8
Oklahoma .....	74 214	.5	33 218 677	.4	448	.6	271 996	.9	2 741 400	.9
Oregon .....	34 030	.4	17 449 293	.4	513	.6	479 385	1.0	1 885 620	1.0
Pennsylvania .....	45 457	.5	7 167 906	.4	158	.6	371 740	.9	2 418 038	.9
Rhode Island .....	735	—	55 256	—	75	—	442 402	—	28 517	—
South Carolina .....	20 189	.4	4 593 452	.3	228	.5	324 834	1.3	902 193	.9
South Dakota .....	31 284	.8	44 354 880	.5	1 418	.9	487 039	1.2	2 852 531	1.1
Tennessee .....	76 818	.7	11 122 363	.4	145	.8	261 209	1.1	2 547 208	.9
Texas .....	194 301	.6	131 308 286	.3	676	.7	398 126	.8	7 781 878	.6
Utah .....	14 181	.5	12 024 661	.2	848	.5	486 235	1.4	725 177	1.6
Vermont .....	5 828	.7	1 262 155	.6	217	.9	323 107	1.9	284 761	1.6
Virginia .....	41 095	.4	8 228 226	.3	200	.5	384 979	.9	1 718 392	.8
Washington .....	29 011	.4	15 179 710	.2	523	.5	634 619	.8	2 021 640	.8
West Virginia .....	17 772	.4	3 455 532	.3	194	.5	212 832	1.5	432 904	1.6
Wisconsin .....	65 602	.9	14 900 205	.9	227	1.2	282 135	1.3	4 375 650	1.1
Wyoming .....	9 232	.6	34 088 692	.2	3 692	.6	808 346	1.7	564 454	1.5
Geographic area	Average market value of all machinery and equipment per farm <sup>2</sup>		Market value of agricultural products sold		Average market value of agricultural products sold per farm		Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup>			
	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Total farm production expenses		
								Farms		Value
United States .	<b>57 678</b>	<b>.20</b>	<b>196 864 649</b>	<b>.05</b>	<b>102 970</b>	<b>.13</b>	<b>1 911 766</b>	<b>.12</b>	<b>150 590 993</b>	<b>.06</b>
Alabama .....	35 914	1.1	3 098 989	.1	74 884	.6	41 376	.6	2 509 917	.2
Alaska .....	53 003	—	24 650	—	44 982	—	548	—	21 821	—
Arizona .....	70 817	1.7	1 903 408	.1	310 254	.9	6 133	.9	1 479 713	.2
Arkansas .....	55 619	.8	5 479 692	.1	121 388	.5	45 139	.4	4 161 029	.2
California .....	69 590	.9	23 032 259	.1	310 718	.6	74 128	.5	16 817 253	.1
Colorado .....	71 417	1.4	4 534 213	.1	160 401	.7	28 272	.7	3 725 343	.2
Connecticut .....	41 194	2.7	421 648	.1	114 361	.7	3 683	.7	330 902	.4
Delaware .....	76 183	3.2	690 794	.1	280 811	.8	2 458	.8	620 297	.4
Florida .....	40 869	1.1	6 004 554	.1	172 550	.7	34 785	.6	4 384 423	—
Georgia .....	44 392	1.0	4 992 918	.1	123 789	.6	40 351	.6	3 840 117	.2
Hawaii .....	38 709	1.0	496 935	.1	90 798	.8	5 471	.9	398 567	.1
Idaho .....	77 916	1.1	3 345 864	.2	149 945	.6	22 334	.5	2 705 028	.3
Illinois .....	90 447	1.3	8 556 486	.6	117 130	1.0	73 046	.8	5 542 904	.7
Indiana .....	64 050	.9	5 229 977	.2	90 303	.5	57 922	.4	4 011 772	.4
Iowa .....	80 651	1.0	11 947 894	.3	131 596	.7	90 786	.6	8 405 838	.4
Kansas .....	74 047	1.2	9 207 130	.2	149 483	.7	61 591	.7	7 290 703	.3
Kentucky .....	33 327	1.1	3 064 460	.4	37 247	.7	82 263	.5	2 033 070	.5
Louisiana .....	59 330	1.2	2 031 277	.2	85 265	.5	23 833	.4	1 466 483	.3
Maine .....	48 697	2.2	438 673	.1	75 503	.6	5 801	.6	347 611	.4

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Average market value of all machinery and equipment per farm <sup>2</sup>		Market value of agricultural products sold		Average market value of agricultural products sold per farm		Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup>					
	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Value (dollars)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total farm production expenses					
							Farms		Value			
							Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)		
Maryland.....	60 176	1.7	1 312 086	.3	108 580	.9	12 109	.9	1 123 200	.6		
Massachusetts.....	40 395	2.3	454 404	.2	81 522	.7	5 565	.7	311 068	.7		
Michigan.....	66 361	1.4	3 567 825	.5	77 516	1.0	46 040	.9	2 835 658	.6		
Minnesota.....	84 613	1.0	8 290 264	.3	112 997	.6	73 375	.6	6 362 110	.4		
Mississippi.....	51 801	.9	3 127 383	.1	99 859	.3	31 306	.3	2 458 575	.2		
Missouri.....	41 051	1.0	5 367 813	.3	54 297	.6	98 852	.6	4 214 996	.4		
Montana.....	78 157	1.1	1 870 732	.2	77 051	.5	24 274	.4	1 512 749	.5		
Nebraska.....	84 535	1.4	9 831 519	.4	191 074	1.0	51 455	.9	7 596 196	.4		
Nevada.....	69 532	2.6	356 565	.2	126 039	.8	2 823	1.0	276 040	.6		
New Hampshire.....	37 957	2.8	149 467	.2	50 891	.6	2 921	.7	126 098	.9		
New Jersey.....	48 011	1.4	697 380	.1	76 627	.6	9 094	.6	513 326	.4		
New Mexico.....	44 047	1.8	1 617 708	.1	114 780	.5	14 075	.5	1 204 227	.3		
New York.....	59 923	1.0	2 834 512	.3	89 256	.5	31 810	.5	2 191 903	.4		
North Carolina.....	49 106	1.0	7 676 523	.1	155 376	.5	49 383	.5	5 673 379	.1		
North Dakota.....	112 015	1.3	2 869 322	.4	94 064	1.0	30 494	.9	2 453 342	.6		
Ohio.....	57 624	.9	4 684 277	.3	68 293	.5	68 591	.4	3 608 839	.4		
Oklahoma.....	36 936	1.0	4 146 351	.2	55 870	.6	74 222	.5	3 576 456	.2		
Oregon.....	55 401	1.1	2 969 194	.2	87 252	.5	34 035	.4	2 210 747	.4		
Pennsylvania.....	53 219	1.1	3 997 565	.2	87 942	.5	45 429	.5	3 091 953	.3		
Rhode Island.....	38 799	—	48 200	—	65 578	—	735	—	35 350	—		
South Carolina.....	44 687	1.0	1 588 173	.1	78 665	.4	20 188	.4	1 233 736	.2		
South Dakota.....	91 182	1.4	3 569 951	.4	114 114	.9	31 284	.8	2 733 387	.6		
Tennessee.....	33 158	1.1	2 178 389	.2	28 358	.7	76 821	.7	1 641 727	.4		
Texas.....	40 062	.9	13 766 527	.1	70 852	.6	194 285	.6	11 636 594	.2		
Utah.....	51 148	1.7	877 295	.2	61 864	.5	14 177	.5	699 532	.5		
Vermont.....	49 046	1.8	476 343	.3	81 734	.8	5 806	.8	371 207	.7		
Virginia.....	41 835	.9	2 343 518	.1	57 027	.4	41 075	.4	1 924 690	.2		
Washington.....	69 693	.9	4 767 727	.1	164 342	.4	29 002	.4	3 607 282	.2		
West Virginia.....	24 315	1.6	447 428	.1	25 176	.4	17 807	.4	380 631	.6		
Wisconsin.....	66 731	1.4	5 579 861	.7	85 056	1.1	65 584	.9	4 202 802	.7		
Wyoming.....	61 161	1.6	898 527	.2	97 327	.6	9 229	.6	690 403	.6		
Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.												
Geographic area	Livestock and poultry purchased			Feed for livestock and poultry			Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees					
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms			
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)		
	United States .	.27	21 614 559	.09	1 021 849	.19	32 759 966	.07	896 339	.19	5 725 869	.16
Alabama.....	556 980	1.6	341 450	.4	26 309	1.0	1 140 545	.2	11 621	1.7	44 465	1.0
Alaska.....	13 213	—	1 291	—	234	—	2 532	—	196	—	1 513	—
Arizona.....	1 852	3.8	149 969	.4	3 260	2.5	263 765	.4	1 794	3.5	43 730	.9
Arkansas.....	14 619	1.5	467 737	.4	29 654	.8	1 654 949	.2	12 192	1.5	110 955	.6
California.....	10 957	1.8	759 223	.4	20 385	1.2	2 588 982	.2	22 653	1.2	526 323	.4
Colorado.....	9 954	1.8	1 271 336	.2	15 919	1.3	861 580	.2	10 288	1.6	86 109	1.1
Connecticut.....	837	6.4	8 740	3.1	1 446	4.3	58 691	.9	1 758	3.0	20 155	1.1
Delaware.....	1 122	3.1	63 980	.5	1 405	3.5	363 258	.7	1 444	3.4	11 554	1.7
Florida.....	6 697	2.3	145 770	.9	14 829	1.4	446 861	.3	9 902	1.7	217 919	.5
Georgia.....	10 408	1.6	396 933	.3	21 119	1.0	1 427 778	.1	14 485	1.3	102 366	.5
Hawaii.....	479	1.6	6 471	.5	845	1.3	35 749	.2	1 508	1.0	10 348	.2
Idaho.....	7 820	2.0	469 600	.4	11 438	1.4	450 829	.6	9 308	1.5	94 322	.7
Illinois.....	15 984	1.8	334 161	1.3	27 101	1.4	567 098	1.0	55 956	1.0	460 125	.9
Indiana.....	14 780	1.6	282 253	1.1	25 765	1.1	818 113	.5	38 483	.7	254 268	.7
Iowa.....	30 572	1.2	1 260 448	.6	46 733	.9	1 585 107	.5	68 732	.7	488 961	.7
Kansas.....	19 518	1.4	2 687 621	.2	32 955	1.1	1 506 407	.3	36 221	1.0	167 748	1.0
Kentucky.....	19 647	1.5	236 935	.9	39 926	1.0	341 123	.6	44 944	.9	82 095	.9
Louisiana.....	6 487	2.3	73 786	1.2	13 261	1.2	247 019	.5	8 706	1.6	72 562	1.0
Maine.....	1 234	4.9	11 988	2.9	2 201	3.2	79 605	.4	2 076	3.1	13 757	1.6
Maryland.....	3 714	2.7	129 432	.9	6 112	1.9	435 279	.8	6 893	1.7	35 862	1.3
Massachusetts.....	1 075	6.0	7 408	4.3	2 161	3.7	31 880	3.2	2 422	2.9	15 829	1.5
Michigan.....	11 086	1.9	175 474	1.1	17 888	1.5	414 770	.8	27 224	1.3	180 800	1.0
Minnesota.....	22 175	1.3	639 336	.8	35 429	1.0	1 301 623	.4	50 093	.8	361 065	.6
Mississippi.....	8 789	1.9	229 688	.5	18 062	1.0	845 628	.2	10 424	1.6	65 961	.6
Missouri.....	29 162	1.2	574 610	.8	61 570	.8	1 056 896	.5	36 850	1.0	167 388	.7
Montana.....	8 433	1.8	153 915	1.4	13 389	1.2	153 271	1.1	8 768	1.6	34 059	1.6
Nebraska.....	19 837	1.5	2 405 077	.3	28 251	1.3	1 408 802	.4	35 961	1.1	291 935	.9
Nevada.....	1 015	4.6	26 424	1.8	1 690	2.8	48 969	1.0	716	5.4	5 470	1.7
New Hampshire.....	706	5.4	3 031	5.4	1 415	3.1	22 257	1.6	970	3.6	6 287	2.2
New Jersey.....	1 671	4.4	10 339	3.1	3 290	2.7	38 309	1.4	4 633	1.9	37 270	.6
New Mexico.....	4 419	2.6	221 246	.8	7 760	1.6	334 541	.3	3 313	3.1	20 014	1.3
New York.....	9 787	1.9	111 258	1.6	17 393	1.2	482 735	.7	16 580	1.2	85 818	1.2
North Carolina.....	11 609	1.7	916 191	.2	22 116	1.2	2 262 032	.1	23 456	1.0	130 860	.7
North Dakota.....	8 030	2.2	106 412	2.6	12 996	1.7	125 867	1.5	18 246	1.2	150 703	.9

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.											
	Livestock and poultry purchased				Feed for livestock and poultry				Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
Ohio.....	18 692	1.4	267 858	1.5	31 975	1.0	713 397	.8	44 036	.7	237 751	.7
Oklahoma.....	26 102	1.2	1 100 066	.3	53 275	.7	900 546	.3	19 439	1.4	43 927	1.2
Oregon.....	9 806	1.9	144 065	1.6	18 390	1.1	229 748	1.0	9 564	1.7	74 020	1.1
Pennsylvania.....	16 075	1.4	290 987	1.0	26 901	.9	973 221	.4	29 112	.8	101 230	1.0
Rhode Island.....	161	—	848	—	271	—	2 924	—	383	—	2 027	—
South Carolina.....	4 480	2.7	88 949	.7	9 768	1.5	410 005	.2	8 251	1.6	36 777	1.0
South Dakota.....	12 882	1.6	452 194	.8	19 837	1.2	369 705	.9	20 099	1.2	157 342	1.0
Tennessee.....	20 054	1.5	148 848	1.4	42 712	1.0	312 849	.5	27 448	1.1	72 719	.8
Texas.....	61 645	.9	3 221 969	.2	130 839	.7	2 868 805	.2	54 365	.9	224 019	.6
Utah.....	5 266	2.4	82 463	1.7	7 655	1.6	198 854	.6	5 288	2.2	17 281	2.2
Vermont.....	1 911	3.4	24 005	2.3	3 498	2.0	119 251	1.1	2 024	3.1	5 205	4.9
Virginia.....	12 700	1.5	208 871	.9	23 331	.9	649 741	.2	15 959	1.2	51 074	.8
Washington.....	6 743	2.2	353 157	.4	13 102	1.3	495 975	.4	9 656	1.5	110 654	.6
West Virginia.....	5 481	2.2	63 068	1.8	10 508	1.3	154 556	.6	4 133	2.6	4 267	3.8
Wisconsin.....	22 888	1.5	306 830	1.3	39 355	1.2	847 206	.9	45 101	1.2	179 427	.9
Wyoming.....	4 279	2.2	180 847	1.1	6 125	1.6	110 332	1.0	2 665	2.9	9 555	2.5
Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.											
	Commercial fertilizer				Agricultural chemicals				Petroleum products			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
United States .	1 190 733	.16	9 597 128	.15	941 136	.19	7 581 424	.15	1 760 642	.13	6 371 515	.12
Alabama.....	26 159	1.0	106 011	.9	13 672	1.5	73 867	1.0	38 349	.6	80 237	.6
Alaska.....	345	—	1 549	—	155	—	219	—	503	—	1 728	—
Arizona.....	2 394	3.0	76 286	.6	1 997	3.2	69 184	1.1	5 393	1.2	53 250	1.0
Arkansas.....	25 076	1.0	213 542	.6	16 089	1.3	237 031	.4	43 057	.5	181 212	.4
California.....	42 312	.8	746 325	.4	44 327	.8	957 006	.4	63 187	.6	488 226	.4
Colorado.....	12 571	1.4	124 307	1.1	11 335	1.6	74 701	1.5	25 745	.8	121 592	.8
Connecticut.....	2 146	2.6	12 743	1.8	1 558	3.3	4 819	2.2	3 416	1.1	10 638	1.1
Delaware.....	1 424	3.4	20 537	2.3	1 426	2.9	16 274	2.1	2 170	1.7	12 659	1.8
Florida.....	23 235	1.0	347 559	.4	17 841	1.2	350 556	.4	29 619	.8	131 636	.6
Georgia.....	23 991	.9	219 398	.6	16 485	1.2	196 778	.6	35 928	.7	136 653	.4
Hawaii.....	4 051	.9	25 653	.2	3 834	.9	17 187	.2	5 055	.9	16 335	.3
Idaho.....	11 564	1.4	245 440	.6	11 383	1.4	118 406	.7	20 090	.7	100 076	.8
Illinois.....	55 963	1.0	714 914	.9	53 603	1.0	548 362	1.0	68 955	.9	309 146	.9
Indiana.....	41 337	.7	451 832	.7	36 541	.8	291 799	.8	53 806	.5	192 729	.6
Iowa.....	65 626	.7	636 785	.8	64 489	.8	521 566	.8	84 456	.6	350 799	.7
Kansas.....	42 255	.9	373 353	.8	35 165	1.0	224 156	.9	56 929	.8	294 353	.7
Kentucky.....	63 592	.7	183 802	.8	42 350	1.0	84 326	.8	77 810	.6	105 514	.8
Louisiana.....	14 669	1.1	128 104	.7	9 908	1.5	173 185	.6	22 294	.6	85 572	.6
Maine.....	3 031	2.4	16 537	1.2	2 346	2.8	17 435	1.1	5 494	.8	14 829	1.1
Maryland.....	7 745	1.6	58 488	1.4	6 851	1.7	38 516	1.7	11 311	1.0	33 726	1.1
Massachusetts.....	3 478	2.3	10 273	1.7	2 425	3.0	8 299	2.1	5 245	1.1	14 893	1.2
Michigan.....	29 576	1.3	244 613	1.0	26 238	1.4	182 494	1.1	42 348	1.0	142 449	.9
Minnesota.....	48 605	.8	491 584	.7	44 527	.9	406 227	.7	68 346	.6	306 292	.6
Mississippi.....	18 698	1.0	114 194	.7	10 465	1.6	199 962	.4	28 744	.5	100 997	.5
Missouri.....	61 078	.8	345 941	.7	34 788	1.0	230 054	.8	91 166	.6	208 015	.6
Montana.....	12 334	1.3	123 302	1.2	11 866	1.3	74 449	1.5	22 336	.6	115 091	.7
Nebraska.....	35 657	1.1	435 501	1.0	33 973	1.2	274 565	1.2	48 204	.9	320 080	.8
Nevada.....	909	4.6	11 610	1.5	849	4.9	5 292	1.9	2 500	1.7	14 895	1.4
New Hampshire.....	1 400	3.2	2 931	2.7	829	4.3	1 717	2.2	2 686	1.2	5 148	1.5
New Jersey.....	4 981	1.9	28 256	1.0	3 632	2.2	20 487	.9	8 513	.9	25 935	.8
New Mexico.....	4 793	2.4	34 563	2.5	3 315	3.0	18 085	1.5	12 467	.8	49 544	.9
New York.....	18 390	1.1	93 010	.9	15 392	1.2	75 892	1.1	30 184	.6	97 075	.7
North Carolina.....	36 387	.8	243 960	.7	25 671	1.0	188 784	.6	46 229	.6	198 201	.6
North Dakota.....	19 438	1.2	306 933	.7	18 376	1.3	217 605	.8	28 177	1.0	186 278	.8
Ohio.....	47 671	.7	345 896	.8	40 577	.8	224 526	.9	64 360	.5	180 186	.7
Oklahoma.....	37 094	.9	163 334	1.0	25 453	1.2	65 621	1.2	68 490	.6	156 445	.7
Oregon.....	17 542	1.2	150 171	.9	16 232	1.3	124 154	.8	30 564	.6	88 887	.8
Pennsylvania.....	30 482	.8	109 826	1.0	26 899	.9	77 519	1.3	43 493	.5	112 649	.7
Rhode Island.....	493	—	1 528	—	347	—	824	—	694	—	1 642	—
South Carolina.....	13 351	1.1	92 169	.8	8 402	1.6	76 319	.6	18 262	.6	59 101	.6
South Dakota.....	18 287	1.2	185 850	1.0	19 619	1.2	175 778	1.1	29 541	.9	159 131	.8
Tennessee.....	51 727	.8	160 025	.7	26 800	1.2	94 026	.7	71 483	.7	85 428	.7
Texas.....	100 834	.7	526 663	.6	66 307	.9	345 517	.7	173 794	.6	524 744	.5
Utah.....	7 097	1.8	22 174	2.9	5 883	2.0	9 374	3.3	13 082	.7	37 590	1.2
Vermont.....	2 708	2.6	9 800	1.3	1 761	3.1	4 131	1.3	5 489	1.0	13 005	1.1
Virginia.....	26 695	.8	113 688	.7	16 382	1.2	69 655	.7	38 656	.5	79 765	.6
Washington.....	14 931	1.1	231 396	.7	15 112	1.1	208 739	.6	26 560	.6	124 646	.5
West Virginia.....	9 074	1.5	11 710	2.9	3 756	2.8	4 950	2.6	16 807	.5	16 457	1.2
Wisconsin.....	44 200	1.2	258 450	1.0	40 404	1.2	169 356	1.0	60 160	1.0	187 629	1.0
Wyoming.....	3 337	2.5	24 614	2.2	3 501	2.4	11 648	3.1	8 495	.9	38 405	1.2

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.											
	Electricity				Hired farm labor				Contract labor			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
<b>United States .</b>	<b>1 224 374</b>	.17	<b>2 751 085</b>	.14	<b>650 623</b>	.23	<b>14 841 036</b>	.09	<b>226 909</b>	.42	<b>2 959 005</b>	.27
Alabama .....	19 501	1.2	28 638	.7	12 055	1.6	134 016	.6	4 149	3.0	16 205	1.4
Alaska .....	359	—	584	—	233	—	5 064	—	71	—	231	—
Arizona .....	3 707	2.2	31 686	1.2	2 726	2.6	255 124	.5	1 294	4.6	56 615	.6
Arkansas .....	23 334	1.0	60 432	.6	14 125	1.4	238 733	.5	5 498	2.5	25 544	1.8
California .....	52 395	.7	526 592	.4	36 450	.9	3 392 577	.2	25 571	1.1	1 386 159	.5
Colorado .....	18 055	1.2	68 478	1.0	9 394	1.8	263 603	.6	4 311	2.9	28 385	2.7
Connecticut .....	2 312	2.5	7 932	1.2	1 304	4.0	96 925	.4	290	10.1	3 716	1.3
Delaware .....	1 825	2.6	7 080	1.1	938	4.0	30 207	1.6	277	8.0	4 083	.6
Florida .....	21 403	1.1	55 022	.6	12 199	1.5	925 607	.3	7 481	2.1	477 373	.6
Georgia .....	21 641	1.0	54 790	.4	12 267	1.4	285 883	.3	4 630	2.3	56 010	.6
Hawaii .....	2 067	.9	8 810	.2	1 652	.9	150 682	.1	679	1.3	4 881	1.0
Idaho .....	15 661	1.1	89 854	.7	9 410	1.6	270 843	.7	3 501	3.0	32 680	1.6
Illinois .....	53 914	1.0	86 896	1.0	23 876	1.4	344 362	.9	4 216	3.5	14 392	3.0
Indiana .....	39 997	.7	56 716	.8	16 964	1.4	248 070	.8	3 726	3.4	17 334	3.0
Iowa .....	73 232	.7	127 679	.8	33 016	1.1	316 779	.9	6 152	2.8	24 905	2.7
Kansas .....	40 578	1.0	60 077	.8	20 660	1.3	306 410	.6	6 973	2.4	29 419	2.9
Kentucky .....	47 619	.9	29 183	1.0	33 464	1.1	209 578	.8	11 693	2.0	49 793	1.9
Louisiana .....	12 419	1.3	18 228	1.3	8 254	1.7	163 558	.5	2 376	3.8	12 440	2.2
Maine .....	3 815	1.9	10 613	.7	2 472	2.8	64 285	.8	645	6.4	4 161	4.2
Maryland .....	8 246	1.6	17 729	1.3	4 814	2.3	102 425	1.1	1 045	5.8	5 685	3.2
Massachusetts .....	3 690	2.2	7 715	1.8	2 188	3.1	81 630	.8	690	6.1	7 276	2.9
Michigan .....	31 396	1.2	53 192	1.0	14 481	1.6	369 145	.7	3 865	3.2	29 043	2.8
Minnesota .....	58 622	.7	107 403	.7	27 434	1.1	334 790	.7	5 188	2.9	29 103	1.7
Mississippi .....	13 352	1.4	32 857	.6	9 628	1.7	169 897	.4	2 986	3.4	15 078	1.9
Missouri .....	61 727	.8	59 481	.7	25 156	1.3	253 888	.7	8 751	2.3	24 438	2.1
Montana .....	18 072	.9	29 820	1.1	8 186	1.7	109 424	1.3	3 778	2.9	15 447	3.0
Nebraska .....	41 140	1.0	108 478	1.0	21 469	1.4	300 578	.8	6 038	2.7	22 692	3.1
Nevada .....	1 723	2.8	12 286	1.6	1 098	3.8	44 391	.9	469	7.5	5 408	3.4
New Hampshire .....	2 015	2.1	3 772	1.7	907	3.9	30 438	1.1	279	9.1	1 350	3.0
New Jersey .....	5 734	1.7	11 500	1.0	2 980	2.7	142 869	.3	787	6.3	12 809	1.8
New Mexico .....	7 045	1.7	30 598	1.5	5 226	2.3	140 862	.6	2 368	3.7	29 672	1.7
New York .....	23 839	.8	71 134	.8	11 563	1.6	336 357	.6	2 355	4.0	15 989	2.6
North Carolina .....	29 259	.9	87 664	.4	18 984	1.2	487 395	.4	6 485	2.4	67 291	1.6
North Dakota .....	23 774	1.1	37 336	1.0	11 758	1.6	122 283	1.1	2 904	3.7	13 477	4.6
Ohio .....	47 360	.7	54 824	.7	19 017	1.4	314 865	.8	4 587	3.2	19 117	3.0
Oklahoma .....	39 283	.9	35 944	.8	20 628	1.4	183 170	.6	9 370	2.2	27 587	2.4
Oregon .....	23 607	.9	47 980	.9	12 798	1.5	478 595	.5	5 212	2.7	45 902	1.9
Pennsylvania .....	33 505	.7	78 885	.7	14 055	1.5	362 811	.5	3 031	3.8	27 369	1.7
Rhode Island .....	505	—	743	—	277	—	10 755	—	83	—	725	—
South Carolina .....	10 136	1.5	19 540	.7	5 826	2.1	129 512	.4	1 785	4.1	18 063	3.2
South Dakota .....	25 727	1.0	46 851	1.0	11 987	1.6	109 897	1.2	2 956	3.5	12 328	2.9
Tennessee .....	35 211	1.0	22 489	.9	22 550	1.3	159 187	.6	6 548	2.6	26 308	2.9
Texas .....	105 494	.7	190 161	.6	55 912	.9	785 447	.4	35 119	1.2	142 086	1.0
Utah .....	7 182	1.7	16 687	1.8	6 059	2.0	79 611	1.0	1 698	4.5	7 900	3.3
Vermont .....	4 242	1.6	11 665	1.4	2 485	2.6	43 304	1.0	667	6.2	2 559	4.3
Virginia .....	21 392	1.0	27 444	.7	14 921	1.3	192 798	.5	3 320	3.2	14 269	2.3
Washington .....	20 850	.9	73 693	.6	13 598	1.2	771 003	.4	3 631	3.1	44 164	1.9
West Virginia .....	7 454	1.7	5 346	1.7	4 513	2.5	24 160	1.6	1 080	5.7	3 270	4.0
Wisconsin .....	52 272	1.1	107 204	1.0	25 179	1.4	409 009	.9	4 464	3.2	20 509	2.9
Wyoming .....	6 686	1.4	11 374	2.0	3 487	2.4	58 236	1.2	1 837	3.6	7 762	2.6
Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.												
Geographic area	Repair and maintenance				Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment				Interest expense			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
<b>United States .</b>	<b>1 538 058</b>	.14	<b>8 637 742</b>	.14	<b>597 624</b>	.26	<b>3 210 309</b>	.25	<b>810 476</b>	.21	<b>8 928 107</b>	.17
Alabama .....	32 078	.8	99 127	.9	8 915	2.1	20 749	1.8	13 367	1.5	90 000	1.2
Alaska .....	450	—	1 925	—	115	—	180	—	234	—	1 143	—
Arizona .....	4 731	1.7	69 380	.6	1 637	3.8	76 565	.8	2 191	3.3	63 768	.7
Arkansas .....	36 149	.7	202 827	.5	10 847	1.8	84 552	1.0	20 737	1.1	192 005	.8
California .....	56 574	.7	777 097	.3	25 794	1.1	595 872	.7	26 987	1.1	958 431	.4
Colorado .....	22 453	1.0	154 182	1.0	9 669	1.8	74 222	1.6	13 057	1.5	179 469	1.0
Connecticut .....	3 112	1.5	17 596	1.6	495	7.2	2 427	2.1	907	4.8	11 289	2.6
Delaware .....	2 135	1.9	19 338	1.8	980	4.6	3 395	3.0	1 273	3.7	17 866	1.4
Florida .....	24 621	1.0	195 760	.6	7 081	2.2	99 207	.9	10 162	1.8	237 536	.6
Georgia .....	29 812	.8	157 193	.6	9 278	1.7	51 051	1.0	14 786	1.2	170 943	.7
Hawaii .....	4 020	.8	31 918	.2	738	1.3	2 718	.6	1 036	1.0	13 964	.5
Idaho .....	18 147	.9	152 222	.7	8 597	1.8	69 649	1.4	11 087	1.4	178 482	.9
Illinois .....	61 361	1.0	398 871	1.0	28 509	1.4	116 075	1.9	37 901	1.2	424 977	1.1
Indiana .....	47 778	.6	257 352	.7	19 743	1.3	58 005	1.6	27 599	1.0	272 608	1.0

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.											
	Repair and maintenance				Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment				Interest expense			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
Iowa.....	78 128	.7	504 525	.8	43 788	1.0	168 101	1.6	55 257	.8	600 284	.9
Kansas.....	50 328	.8	358 071	.8	23 546	1.3	160 477	1.3	32 648	1.1	351 690	.9
Kentucky.....	63 768	.7	156 916	.9	20 304	1.5	31 027	1.7	31 739	1.2	179 810	1.2
Louisiana.....	19 508	.8	131 075	.7	5 292	2.3	45 768	1.4	7 942	1.8	75 495	1.1
Maine.....	4 827	1.3	23 988	1.4	1 145	4.7	4 595	1.2	1 820	3.3	15 954	1.9
Maryland.....	10 455	1.2	60 624	1.3	4 036	2.7	13 376	2.8	4 219	2.3	45 896	1.7
Massachusetts.....	4 716	1.5	22 779	1.9	1 061	5.5	7 089	4.1	1 580	3.9	15 766	3.0
Michigan.....	37 918	1.1	209 298	1.0	13 520	1.8	53 082	1.7	18 209	1.5	189 849	1.1
Minnesota.....	63 378	.7	428 577	.7	30 080	1.1	133 906	1.1	42 431	.9	499 899	.8
Mississippi.....	23 693	.8	128 677	.6	6 965	2.1	60 166	.9	10 610	1.6	108 338	.8
Missouri.....	76 985	.7	283 364	.8	28 696	1.2	80 440	1.5	45 114	.9	312 483	.9
Montana.....	20 478	.7	124 799	1.0	6 916	2.0	42 985	2.1	12 583	1.3	149 306	1.3
Nebraska.....	44 105	1.0	387 111	.9	23 971	1.4	127 826	1.8	31 586	1.2	413 076	1.0
Nevada.....	2 256	2.1	20 912	1.4	797	5.5	5 914	4.2	1 121	4.1	21 724	2.4
New Hampshire.....	2 392	1.6	9 340	3.0	456	6.6	1 202	3.0	855	4.3	6 115	3.9
New Jersey.....	7 266	1.3	34 489	1.2	1 594	4.3	5 767	2.0	1 981	3.3	21 483	1.7
New Mexico.....	10 582	1.1	55 600	1.2	2 993	3.3	18 436	2.4	4 808	2.2	78 791	1.2
New York.....	28 200	.7	171 351	.8	7 883	2.1	29 214	1.7	12 525	1.5	130 266	1.0
North Carolina.....	39 441	.7	207 332	.6	13 093	1.6	55 032	1.2	16 538	1.3	205 129	.6
North Dakota.....	26 382	1.0	207 276	1.0	13 278	1.6	77 589	1.7	20 104	1.2	234 100	1.1
Ohio.....	57 400	.6	258 610	.8	23 037	1.3	54 657	1.8	28 926	1.1	238 538	1.1
Oklahoma.....	57 440	.7	183 808	.8	18 893	1.5	65 643	1.5	31 323	1.1	224 537	.9
Oregon.....	26 900	.8	157 011	.8	9 343	1.9	56 963	1.5	11 839	1.6	151 901	1.2
Pennsylvania.....	39 966	.6	202 042	.8	14 864	1.5	39 183	1.4	17 169	1.3	146 763	1.2
Rhode Island.....	605	—	2 655	—	122	—	289	—	218	—	1 744	—
South Carolina.....	15 498	.9	70 769	.8	4 228	2.8	13 788	1.9	5 581	2.1	47 350	1.1
South Dakota.....	27 502	1.0	202 374	1.0	15 150	1.5	83 396	1.5	20 557	1.2	226 685	1.1
Tennessee.....	56 816	.8	128 384	.9	17 082	1.6	29 042	1.6	22 345	1.4	113 698	1.3
Texas.....	147 795	.6	551 155	.6	55 325	1.0	264 527	.9	62 890	.9	498 389	.6
Utah.....	11 109	1.1	45 915	1.4	4 592	2.5	11 281	3.0	5 163	2.2	50 664	1.8
Vermont.....	4 956	1.3	25 929	1.3	1 529	3.7	6 505	2.0	2 363	2.6	23 753	2.2
Virginia.....	33 209	.6	113 211	.8	8 936	1.9	19 619	1.4	12 402	1.5	85 752	1.2
Washington.....	23 501	.7	229 971	.7	8 798	1.7	85 730	1.0	11 538	1.4	214 518	.7
West Virginia.....	13 407	.9	22 093	1.6	2 186	3.8	4 650	4.1	3 991	2.8	21 169	2.5
Wisconsin.....	56 062	1.0	337 991	1.1	29 186	1.4	87 204	1.6	34 539	1.3	356 573	1.2
Wyoming.....	7 665	1.1	44 930	1.7	2 541	3.2	11 172	4.6	4 638	2.0	58 139	1.8
Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.											
	Cash rent				Property taxes paid				All other farm production expenses			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
United States .	485 512	.27	6 915 677	.23	1 771 787	.13	3 920 133	.18	1 689 391	.13	14 777 437	.10
Alabama.....	8 475	2.0	45 732	1.1	38 769	.6	21 970	1.3	33 714	.7	266 906	.3
Alaska.....	110	—	412	—	466	—	957	—	488	—	2 493	—
Arizona.....	1 239	4.3	57 371	.8	5 464	1.3	20 199	2.5	5 627	1.2	192 821	.5
Arkansas.....	9 818	1.9	127 308	.8	42 825	.5	48 485	.9	38 686	.6	315 718	.3
California.....	13 317	1.6	554 077	.6	66 656	.6	360 348	.6	68 046	.6	2 200 014	.2
Colorado.....	5 722	2.4	79 086	1.9	25 319	.8	54 425	1.1	25 682	.8	283 871	.7
Connecticut.....	744	5.8	4 721	2.6	3 391	1.2	11 522	2.2	3 320	1.3	58 987	.6
Delaware.....	692	6.1	12 959	1.2	2 291	1.6	4 272	3.4	2 277	1.5	32 835	1.0
Florida.....	4 277	2.8	56 025	1.3	32 866	.7	136 457	.6	29 438	.8	561 134	.3
Georgia.....	7 814	1.8	103 519	.9	38 547	.6	80 420	.9	33 222	.7	400 403	.2
Hawaii.....	1 620	1.0	11 923	.4	4 166	.9	5 196	.8	4 841	.8	56 733	.2
Idaho.....	5 387	2.3	124 518	1.0	21 097	.6	55 081	1.0	20 669	.7	253 025	.7
Illinois.....	23 709	1.5	514 234	1.3	63 561	.9	198 014	1.1	67 319	.9	511 278	.9
Indiana.....	16 729	1.3	358 739	1.0	55 473	.5	138 472	.9	52 467	.5	313 484	.6
Iowa.....	36 892	1.0	866 955	1.0	79 236	.7	242 120	.9	85 922	.6	710 824	.7
Kansas.....	18 302	1.4	186 278	1.3	57 280	.8	117 225	1.0	56 328	.8	467 416	.6
Kentucky.....	9 031	2.1	62 085	1.1	77 459	.6	59 942	1.0	70 738	.7	220 941	.7
Louisiana.....	6 105	2.2	74 021	.7	20 129	.7	15 105	1.8	20 231	.7	150 566	.5
Maine.....	941	4.1	5 044	1.3	5 550	.7	16 006	1.4	5 107	1.1	48 814	.6
Maryland.....	3 133	2.9	36 106	2.0	11 088	1.0	23 776	1.8	10 879	1.1	86 280	1.1
Massachusetts.....	900	5.2	6 393	1.8	5 138	1.0	19 915	2.4	5 081	1.2	53 923	1.1
Michigan.....	12 983	1.8	162 012	1.2	43 608	.9	114 049	1.1	40 748	1.0	315 391	.8
Minnesota.....	27 246	1.1	554 892	.9	67 831	.6	167 927	.8	67 792	.6	599 485	.6
Mississippi.....	6 694	2.0	139 942	.4	28 651	.5	34 748	1.2	24 928	.7	212 442	.3
Missouri.....	18 556	1.5	148 276	1.3	95 852	.6	101 922	.7	87 172	.6	367 800	.6
Montana.....	6 705	2.0	81 423	1.8	22 916	.6	89 911	1.0	22 406	.6	215 547	1.0
Nebraska.....	18 740	1.5	330 922	1.4	46 913	.9	218 119	1.1	48 752	.9	551 435	.8
Nevada.....	390	8.0	6 862	4.2	2 616	1.5	8 089	2.3	2 527	1.6	37 792	1.1
New Hampshire.....	388	6.0	1 400	4.1	2 748	.9	11 942	2.7	2 575	1.3	19 166	1.3

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Farm production expenses <sup>2</sup> —Con.											
	Cash rent				Property taxes paid				All other farm production expenses			
	Farms		Value		Farms		Value		Farms		Value	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
New Jersey .....	1 400	3.7	13 641	1.1	8 460	.8	30 619	2.2	7 929	1.1	79 552	.5
New Mexico .....	2 559	3.4	31 086	2.0	13 115	.7	17 764	1.3	12 042	1.3	123 425	.6
New York .....	8 363	1.9	48 093	1.5	30 136	.6	129 269	.9	29 109	.6	314 442	.6
North Carolina .....	13 746	1.5	180 559	.7	46 926	.6	72 025	.9	42 095	.6	370 924	.3
North Dakota .....	15 782	1.3	335 526	.9	27 026	1.0	70 079	1.3	28 714	.9	261 859	.9
Ohio .....	18 757	1.3	273 619	1.1	63 031	.5	103 622	.8	61 699	.5	321 371	.7
Oklahoma .....	20 666	1.4	107 452	1.1	70 905	.6	72 271	.9	63 762	.6	246 104	.5
Oregon .....	5 872	2.3	98 115	1.3	31 894	.5	62 214	1.0	30 735	.6	301 022	.6
Pennsylvania .....	13 593	1.5	78 824	1.6	41 605	.6	114 732	.9	41 408	.6	375 913	.5
Rhode Island .....	135	—	1 021	—	681	—	2 640	—	663	—	4 985	—
South Carolina .....	4 611	2.4	41 957	1.2	19 162	.5	19 179	1.4	16 220	.8	110 258	.4
South Dakota .....	14 133	1.5	189 113	1.3	27 765	1.0	98 335	1.1	29 867	.9	264 410	.9
Tennessee .....	10 868	1.9	58 982	1.0	73 297	.7	64 228	1.0	63 154	.8	165 514	.6
Texas .....	41 337	1.1	306 269	.8	177 274	.6	250 269	.7	162 029	.6	936 575	.4
Utah .....	3 565	2.9	19 126	3.3	13 527	.6	16 505	1.5	12 863	.8	84 106	1.1
Vermont .....	1 566	3.4	6 224	2.2	5 395	1.0	19 328	1.7	5 184	1.2	56 541	1.0
Virginia .....	9 733	1.6	62 469	.9	39 188	.4	56 889	.9	35 852	.5	179 447	.4
Washington .....	5 888	2.1	124 823	1.2	27 085	.5	96 621	.8	26 118	.6	442 190	.4
West Virginia .....	1 958	4.0	4 316	2.9	17 120	.5	10 201	1.5	14 003	.8	30 419	1.3
Wisconsin .....	21 766	1.5	193 761	1.3	61 736	.9	217 808	1.0	60 364	1.0	523 843	1.0
Wyoming .....	2 555	3.2	27 468	3.1	8 553	.9	18 907	1.7	8 599	.8	77 014	1.1
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) <sup>2</sup>												
Geographic area	Total cropland											
	Farms				Acres				Farms		Acres	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (\$1,000)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
	United States .	.12	42 557 871	.15	1 661 395	.12	431 144 896	.11	1 410 606	.12	309 395 475	.11
Alabama .....	41 377	.6	490 081	.8	34 407	.6	4 197 670	.4	24 819	.5	2 077 139	.3
Alaska .....	548	—	2 829	—	434	—	94 810	—	381	—	34 227	—
Arizona .....	6 133	.9	417 135	.8	3 711	.9	1 277 169	.3	2 765	.8	969 602	.2
Arkansas .....	45 139	.4	1 007 988	.6	37 205	.4	10 062 289	.3	30 125	.4	7 665 490	.2
California .....	74 129	.5	6 118 086	.3	62 269	.6	10 803 804	.3	55 590	.6	8 543 159	.2
Colorado .....	28 272	.7	803 321	.8	22 357	.7	10 509 384	.5	18 406	.7	5 896 984	.4
Connecticut .....	3 684	.7	87 211	1.5	3 289	.7	181 043	.5	3 032	.7	140 513	.5
Delaware .....	2 458	.8	68 563	2.0	1 981	.9	486 981	.5	1 810	1.0	466 555	.5
Florida .....	34 787	.6	1 573 154	.4	27 141	.6	3 639 850	.3	21 017	.7	2 435 702	.2
Georgia .....	40 353	.6	976 666	.5	32 816	.6	5 370 844	.4	25 082	.6	3 762 559	.3
Hawaii .....	5 473	.9	98 368	.3	4 882	.8	292 107	.3	4 594	.8	100 094	.2
Idaho .....	22 334	.5	590 283	1.2	18 994	.6	6 308 877	.4	15 494	.6	4 478 862	.3
Illinois .....	73 046	.8	2 729 334	.9	68 082	.8	23 920 923	.7	62 712	.9	22 274 230	.7
Indiana .....	57 922	.4	1 163 605	.9	53 256	.4	12 848 950	.3	47 613	.5	11 716 704	.3
Iowa .....	90 786	.6	2 969 179	.8	83 375	.6	26 821 844	.5	74 951	.6	23 323 249	.5
Kansas .....	61 591	.7	1 877 913	.7	54 145	.7	30 020 580	.6	48 280	.7	19 839 087	.5
Kentucky .....	82 264	.6	979 715	.8	77 784	.6	8 549 027	.5	68 953	.6	4 678 622	.4
Louisiana .....	23 833	.4	477 426	1.0	19 333	.4	5 331 411	.3	15 115	.5	3 882 648	.2
Maine .....	5 801	.6	78 187	1.7	5 372	.6	539 966	.4	4 875	.6	403 014	.4
Maryland .....	12 109	.9	172 948	2.0	10 702	.8	1 613 497	.6	9 474	.8	1 382 035	.5
Massachusetts .....	5 571	.7	135 155	1.6	4 990	.7	223 573	.7	4 587	.7	168 765	.6
Michigan .....	46 040	.9	686 891	1.2	43 017	.9	7 891 802	.8	37 941	1.0	6 724 480	.8
Minnesota .....	73 375	.6	1 835 509	.8	67 545	.6	21 491 743	.4	60 726	.6	18 968 607	.4
Mississippi .....	31 312	.3	558 443	.7	25 289	.3	5 947 311	.2	19 198	.4	4 338 710	.2
Missouri .....	98 856	.6	1 097 695	.9	87 092	.6	19 229 468	.5	72 316	.6	12 449 272	.4
Montana .....	24 275	.4	334 834	2.0	20 669	.4	17 629 001	.3	17 854	.4	9 399 718	.2
Nebraska .....	51 456	.9	2 095 114	.9	45 191	.9	22 092 954	.7	41 652	.9	17 551 212	.7
Nevada .....	2 823	1.0	77 433	1.5	2 188	.8	846 752	.5	1 765	.9	526 338	.4
New Hampshire .....	2 921	.7	23 567	4.2	2 489	.6	132 619	.6	2 256	.7	101 753	.6
New Jersey .....	9 094	.6	175 896	1.2	8 322	.6	594 928	.4	7 396	.6	485 187	.3
New Mexico .....	14 075	.5	410 261	.9	9 435	.5	2 179 428	.5	7 008	.5	1 079 953	.3
New York .....	31 810	.5	514 724	1.2	29 747	.5	4 722 143	.4	27 569	.5	3 716 942	.4
North Carolina .....	49 391	.5	1 601 413	.5	44 502	.5	5 608 388	.3	38 241	.5	4 233 693	.2
North Dakota .....	30 494	.9	399 832	2.3	27 994	.9	27 024 895	.6	25 153	.9	20 438 149	.5
Ohio .....	68 591	.4	1 039 324	1.0	63 669	.4	11 340 967	.3	58 048	.4	9 900 570	.3
Oklahoma .....	74 222	.5	456 080	1.5	58 741	.5	14 843 823	.4	44 786	.5	8 462 079	.4
Oregon .....	34 036	.4	727 810	.9	28 101	.5	5 285 659	.4	22 312	.5	3 154 523	.3
Pennsylvania .....	45 437	.5	747 503	1.1	42 573	.5	5 032 151	.4	39 689	.4	4 014 564	.4
Rhode Island .....	735	—	12 850	—	661	—	25 611	—	606	—	19 019	—
South Carolina .....	20 189	.4	328 569	.8	17 514	.4	2 462 818	.3	13 426	.4	1 654 535	.2
South Dakota .....	31 284	.8	801 485	1.3	27 712	.9	19 355 256	.6	25 654	.9	14 284 741	.2
Tennessee .....	76 821	.7	508 404	1.0	69 393	.7	7 069 470	.4	56 016	.6	4 064 058	.3
Texas .....	194 288	.6	1 988 349	.6	149 104	.6	37 662 040	.5	108 169	.6	19 607 847	.3
Utah .....	14 178	.5	160 519	2.0	12 227	.5	2 069 751	.5	10 393	.5	1 107 928	.4
Vermont .....	5 806	.8	87 572	2.2	5 065	.7	617 263	.6	4 609	.8	465 489	.5
Virginia .....	41 075	.4	364 331	1.1	37 177	.4	4 322 425	.3	32 124	.4	2 520 961	.2
Washington .....	29 009	.4	1 132 634	.6	24 656	.4	7 913 709	.3	20 445	.4	4 895 633	.2
West Virginia .....	17 807	.4	57 522	3.4	16 509	.4	1 336 723	.4	15 086	.4	621 632	.3
Wisconsin .....	65 585	.9	1 318 913	1.1	61 166	.9	10 353 300	.9	54 369	1.0	8 625 011	.8
Wyoming .....	9 229	.6	197 249	2.1	7 122	.6	2 967 899	.5	6 124	.6	1 743 631	.4

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Irrigated land				Livestock and poultry							
	Farms		Acres		Cattle and calves inventory				Beef cows inventory			
					Farms		Total		Farms		Total	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Total (number)	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
<b>United States .</b>	<b>279 442</b>	.16	<b>55 058 128</b>	.11	<b>1 046 863</b>	.13	<b>98 989 244</b>	.09	<b>804 595</b>	.14	<b>34 066 615</b>	.12
Alabama .....	1 301	.8	76 871	.6	28 450	.6	1 530 566	.4	25 384	.6	832 298	.4
Alaska .....	114	—	2 667	—	120	—	11 111	—	84	—	3 694	—
Arizona .....	3 426	.8	1 013 902	.3	2 881	1.0	822 273	.3	2 164	1.0	263 878	.5
Arkansas .....	6 593	.5	3 717 217	.2	30 369	.4	1 770 248	.4	26 981	.5	927 357	.5
California .....	55 920	.6	8 712 893	.2	17 335	.5	4 968 679	.2	12 158	.6	890 805	.5
Colorado .....	15 470	.7	3 430 129	.5	15 592	.7	3 307 301	.3	12 243	.8	918 891	.7
Connecticut .....	674	1.1	7 366	.5	1 227	.9	65 645	.4	721	1.2	6 887	1.6
Delaware .....	415	1.3	72 635	.5	434	1.4	27 968	.7	224	2.0	3 685	2.2
Florida .....	12 673	.7	1 862 404	.2	15 849	.6	1 808 900	.3	13 600	.6	1 003 072	.3
Georgia .....	4 372	.7	748 520	.3	21 874	.6	1 244 489	.5	19 180	.6	613 731	.6
Hawaii .....	2 241	.8	76 971	.2	829	1.3	181 732	.4	625	1.4	93 711	.4
Idaho .....	15 191	.6	3 493 542	.4	12 063	.6	1 908 097	.4	8 405	.6	555 676	.7
Illinois .....	2 021	.9	349 799	.6	24 452	.9	1 437 697	.8	17 682	.9	453 127	.9
Indiana .....	1 753	.7	250 050	.5	23 025	.5	976 701	.4	15 164	.5	277 797	.5
Iowa .....	957	1.0	124 983	1.1	38 435	.6	3 647 129	.5	27 452	.6	1 029 172	.6
Kansas .....	6 135	.7	2 707 489	.3	36 244	.7	6 506 089	.3	29 446	.7	1 466 429	.7
Kentucky .....	4 104	.8	58 490	.6	48 898	.6	2 428 891	.6	41 171	.6	1 126 748	.7
Louisiana .....	3 400	.6	942 528	.3	14 589	.4	877 124	.5	12 669	.5	490 437	.5
Maine .....	671	1.1	21 791	.3	1 921	.7	101 695	.5	1 035	1.1	11 782	1.7
Maryland .....	1 154	1.2	68 588	.9	4 444	.8	261 324	.6	2 726	1.0	50 619	1.1
Massachusetts .....	1 630	.8	24 564	.6	1 420	1.0	61 719	.7	799	1.3	6 858	1.8
Michigan .....	3 752	.9	393 485	.4	15 468	1.0	1 025 702	.8	7 566	.9	116 399	1.0
Minnesota .....	2 193	.8	380 394	.6	30 913	.6	2 395 456	.6	15 745	.6	409 184	.7
Mississippi .....	1 769	.5	1 076 231	.1	19 319	.4	1 127 442	.4	17 151	.4	590 402	.4
Missouri .....	2 891	.6	881 924	.2	67 198	.6	4 312 716	.5	57 935	.6	2 023 187	.6
Montana .....	9 059	.4	1 994 484	.4	14 216	.4	2 618 319	.3	12 902	.5	1 558 921	.3
Nebraska .....	18 804	.9	6 939 036	.7	29 298	.9	6 732 637	.4	23 881	.9	1 966 105	.7
Nevada .....	2 159	.8	764 738	.5	1 694	.9	518 115	.4	1 371	1.0	275 801	.4
New Hampshire .....	429	1.3	2 691	.8	953	.9	45 115	.5	540	1.3	4 206	2.0
New Jersey .....	2 089	.7	92 965	.2	1 703	.9	56 643	.6	1 039	1.1	12 192	1.3
New Mexico .....	7 444	.5	804 616	.3	8 677	.5	1 676 171	.2	6 894	.5	581 812	.3
New York .....	2 501	.7	69 197	.4	16 444	.5	1 450 090	.4	6 160	.6	86 078	.7
North Carolina .....	4 695	.6	156 250	.4	22 632	.5	941 311	.4	19 616	.5	435 672	.5
North Dakota .....	710	1.2	180 362	.8	14 232	1.0	1 810 409	.8	12 744	1.0	920 559	.9
Ohio .....	1 778	.8	33 997	.5	28 244	.4	1 282 546	.4	17 060	.5	293 570	.5
Oklahoma .....	2 710	.7	506 459	.4	58 023	.5	5 321 161	.3	49 284	.5	1 931 805	.4
Oregon .....	15 348	.5	1 948 739	.5	17 122	.4	1 559 162	.4	13 393	.4	695 635	.6
Pennsylvania .....	2 814	.7	36 150	.8	26 525	.5	1 672 295	.4	11 237	.5	169 134	.6
Rhode Island .....	180	—	3 265	—	200	—	5 749	—	129	—	1 062	—
South Carolina .....	1 248	.7	86 477	.3	9 902	.4	453 631	.4	8 671	.4	229 048	.5
South Dakota .....	1 439	.9	343 742	.6	20 502	.9	3 723 271	.6	17 428	.9	1 675 000	.6
Tennessee .....	1 768	.9	45 581	.4	51 089	.7	2 145 405	.5	44 235	.7	1 039 583	.5
Texas .....	18 756	.6	5 484 663	.3	144 354	.6	14 532 814	.3	124 980	.6	5 347 457	.5
Utah .....	11 291	.5	1 212 201	.5	7 986	.5	916 090	.4	5 749	.6	383 790	.6
Vermont .....	333	1.7	2 570	2.4	3 203	.8	308 267	.4	1 057	1.2	12 340	1.7
Virginia .....	2 337	.6	84 926	.4	26 547	.4	1 639 058	.3	21 753	.4	688 541	.3
Washington .....	13 131	.4	1 705 025	.2	11 721	.4	1 204 265	.2	8 627	.5	304 473	.5
West Virginia .....	268	1.4	3 285	4.1	12 284	.4	439 462	.4	10 367	.4	202 844	.4
Wisconsin .....	2 025	.9	341 813	.3	39 593	1.1	3 440 300	.9	11 642	.9	222 522	1.0
Wyoming .....	5 306	.6	1 719 463	.5	6 370	.6	1 690 264	.3	5 526	.6	862 639	.4
Livestock and poultry—Con.												
Geographic area	Milk cows inventory				Hogs and pigs inventory				Sheep and lambs inventory			
	Farms		Total		Farms		Total		Farms		Total	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
	United States .	.28	<b>9 095 439</b>	.16	<b>109 754</b>	.16	<b>61 206 236</b>	.07	<b>65 790</b>	.16	<b>7 821 885</b>	.13
Alabama .....	608	1.2	27 848	.3	932	1.1	183 811	.5	294	1.9	8 173	2.7
Alaska .....	30	—	1 101	—	53	—	2 112	—	40	—	1 605	—
Arizona .....	247	1.5	123 371	(L)	206	2.4	141 112	.3	270	2.3	140 602	.2
Arkansas .....	1 193	.8	49 012	.6	1 247	.8	858 741	.3	400	1.5	8 284	1.9
California .....	2 650	.4	1 403 217	(L)	1 593	1.0	212 088	.4	3 014	.7	784 041	.2
Colorado .....	814	1.1	79 617	.2	1 225	1.0	787 440	.1	1 628	1.0	593 755	.3
Connecticut .....	370	1.1	28 017	.3	210	2.1	4 521	2.4	254	2.0	5 010	2.6
Delaware .....	132	2.1	9 241	.8	132	2.0	33 355	.5	50	3.5	1 167	2.3
Florida .....	666	1.2	159 614	.1	1 431	1.1	50 309	1.4	336	1.9	5 722	2.5
Georgia .....	984	.9	98 931	.2	1 764	1.0	514 029	.4	335	1.8	7 318	2.7
Hawaii .....	44	4.0	8 389	.1	248	2.2	29 440	2.2	104	3.4	22 541	.5
Idaho .....	1 404	.7	265 854	.1	714	1.2	29 026	2.0	1 097	1.0	273 804	.3
Illinois .....	2 238	1.1	127 702	.9	7 168	.9	4 679 166	.3	2 263	1.0	72 544	1.4
Indiana .....	3 216	.7	131 630	.5	6 442	.5	3 972 060	.2	1 927	.8	54 227	1.3
Iowa .....	4 208	.8	222 142	.6	17 243	.5	14 651 919	.2	4 431	.7	265 305	.8
Kansas .....	1 466	1.0	82 080	.6	2 831	.9	1 585 224	.3	1 478	1.0	119 099	1.2
Kentucky .....	3 393	.8	145 557	.6	1 881	.9	563 797	.3	795	1.2	21 664	1.7
Louisiana .....	982	.8	64 888	.5	633	1.3	20 338	1.4	346	1.6	5 233	2.2
Maine .....	685	.9	40 749	.4	341	1.7	5 977	3.4	426	1.6	10 603	2.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Livestock and poultry—Con.											
	Milk cows inventory				Hogs and pigs inventory			Sheep and lambs inventory				
	Farms		Total		Farms		Total		Farms			
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)		
Maryland .....	1 091	.9	84 953	.6	584	1.3	80 850	1.1	616	1.4	21 985	.5
Massachusetts .....	483	1.3	26 846	.7	383	1.8	18 297	2.2	431	1.7	8 348	2.1
Michigan .....	3 990	1.3	300 641	.7	2 853	1.0	1 032 014	.4	1 628	1.0	72 107	1.5
Minnesota .....	9 603	.8	541 650	.6	7 512	.6	5 722 460	.2	2 627	.8	161 212	1.1
Mississippi .....	688	1.0	45 540	.6	662	1.2	215 936	.4	231	2.0	4 797	2.1
Missouri .....	4 175	.7	174 669	.6	5 419	.6	3 546 972	.2	1 984	.9	76 956	1.3
Montana .....	721	1.1	18 052	.6	627	1.2	177 740	.5	1 981	.7	416 012	.6
Nebraska .....	1 352	1.2	68 216	.9	6 017	.9	3 452 386	.4	1 615	1.2	98 773	1.6
Nevada .....	138	2.1	24 902	.1	113	3.2	7 419	.9	272	2.0	96 409	.2
New Hampshire .....	329	1.1	19 563	.4	249	1.9	4 373	3.7	344	1.7	6 925	2.5
New Jersey .....	296	1.2	18 041	.4	431	1.7	23 189	2.0	690	1.4	13 149	2.2
New Mexico .....	523	1.1	215 844	(L)	346	1.7	6 114	6.0	917	1.1	291 808	.4
New York .....	8 732	.7	700 480	.4	1 508	.8	79 000	.9	1 515	.8	61 440	1.4
North Carolina .....	1 092	.9	78 400	.4	2 986	.5	9 624 860	(L)	613	1.3	13 827	2.1
North Dakota .....	1 170	1.6	54 024	1.3	797	1.4	197 372	1.0	1 101	1.3	130 892	1.5
Ohio .....	5 425	.6	262 834	.4	5 952	.5	1 700 491	.3	3 549	.7	134 906	.9
Oklahoma .....	1 921	.8	87 647	.4	3 002	.8	1 689 700	.1	1 529	1.0	67 171	1.4
Oregon .....	1 052	.8	86 747	.3	1 383	.9	33 152	2.3	3 070	.7	282 872	.8
Pennsylvania .....	10 920	.6	621 530	.4	3 456	.6	1 100 754	.3	2 541	.8	85 925	1.4
Rhode Island .....	45	—	2 239	—	60	—	2 764	—	69	—	1 064	—
South Carolina .....	394	1.2	24 766	.2	1 226	.9	304 793	.2	168	2.2	3 316	5.8
South Dakota .....	1 802	1.1	95 882	.7	2 899	1.0	1 396 326	.4	2 354	1.0	416 570	.9
Tennessee .....	2 096	.7	111 985	.3	2 043	.9	321 806	.4	773	1.4	13 773	2.2
Texas .....	4 113	.6	374 816	.1	5 428	.8	578 664	.4	6 959	.7	1 531 614	.4
Utah .....	891	.7	92 953	.2	511	1.3	292 472	.2	1 438	.8	438 678	.4
Vermont .....	1 940	.8	162 868	.4	238	2.1	2 900	3.7	451	1.7	14 511	2.6
Virginia .....	1 671	.5	121 823	.2	1 170	.9	385 755	.2	1 456	.8	73 932	1.1
Washington .....	1 302	.6	247 191	.1	978	.9	38 030	1.5	1 189	.9	52 298	1.3
West Virginia .....	676	.9	18 497	.6	645	1.0	15 708	1.6	979	.8	40 709	1.0
Wisconsin .....	22 576	1.3	1 336 626	1.0	3 686	1.0	738 339	.7	2 100	1.0	76 113	1.7
Wyoming .....	337	1.6	6 254	1.9	296	1.7	91 135	.3	1 112	.9	713 096	.3
Geographic area	Livestock and poultry—Con.											
	Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory					Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold						
	Farms		Total		Farms		Total					
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)		
<b>United States .</b>	<b>69 761</b>	<b>.16</b>	<b>313 851 480</b>	<b>.08</b>	<b>23 937</b>	<b>.12</b>	<b>6 741 927 110</b>	<b>.02</b>				
Alabama .....	1 146	1.0	10 703 589	.5	2 477	.2	871 123 702	(L)				
Alaska .....	63	—	1 826	—	9	—	1 860	—				
Arizona .....	368	2.0	(D)	(D)	20	7.1	(D)	(D)				
Arkansas .....	1 643	.8	15 144 014	.6	3 650	.2	1 003 161 769	.1				
California .....	2 670	.8	30 312 145	.1	240	1.6	237 723 294	.1				
Colorado .....	1 577	1.0	3 595 189	(L)	74	3.5	11 933	6.9				
Connecticut .....	377	1.6	3 757 535	(L)	30	5.6	342 656	1.2				
Delaware .....	86	3.1	389 013	2.2	805	.5	223 298 115	.1				
Florida .....	1 157	1.2	11 608 529	.2	321	1.0	105 967 210	.2				
Georgia .....	1 122	1.0	16 295 617	.5	2 245	.2	1 017 501 305	.1				
Hawaii .....	136	2.9	714 924	(L)	9	5.3	478 672	(L)				
Idaho .....	865	1.1	922 612	.1	55	3.8	6 043	8.9				
Illinois .....	1 687	1.1	3 535 791	.2	115	3.3	363 353	7.5				
Indiana .....	1 785	.8	20 613 402	.2	204	2.2	10 391 178	2.1				
Iowa .....	1 831	.9	21 509 521	.1	519	1.4	6 852 810	1.1				
Kansas .....	1 964	.9	1 427 290	.3	93	3.2	35 018	8.3				
Kentucky .....	1 882	.9	2 822 970	1.0	243	.9	91 548 829	(L)				
Louisiana .....	828	1.1	1 934 181	1.3	319	.5	123 132 021	(L)				
Maine .....	532	1.4	5 019 263	(L)	73	3.8	199 416	.6				
Maryland .....	618	1.4	4 120 639	.4	997	.7	256 926 521	.3				
Massachusetts .....	497	1.6	556 206	.7	41	5.4	(D)	(D)				
Michigan .....	2 205	.9	4 928 067	(L)	336	1.7	393 028	5.6				
Minnesota .....	1 892	.9	11 951 233	.2	621	1.2	28 456 532	.4				
Mississippi .....	885	1.0	5 328 691	1.0	1 393	.2	554 915 961	(L)				
Missouri .....	3 559	.8	7 175 652	.6	451	.9	202 970 912	.1				
Montana .....	1 001	1.0	294 399	.1	61	3.3	112 821	.2				
Nebraska .....	1 476	1.2	9 830 477	1.0	225	2.6	725 964	.9				
Nevada .....	200	2.4	4 073	3.5	6	15.3	(D)	(D)				
New Hampshire .....	394	1.6	184 333	.5	35	5.3	472 718	.2				
New Jersey .....	813	1.3	2 086 908	.1	79	3.8	40 712	11.7				
New Mexico .....	651	1.3	(D)	(D)	11	10.0	(D)	(D)				
New York .....	1 842	.8	3 784 743	.1	172	2.2	1 310 733	1.5				
North Carolina .....	1 566	.9	12 306 292	.7	2 086	.3	591 248 423	.1				
North Dakota .....	537	1.9	199 319	.4	83	4.0	193 401	25.6				
Ohio .....	3 065	.7	26 135 888	.2	496	1.3	41 135 469	.8				
Oklahoma .....	3 169	.8	4 186 985	.8	632	.6	169 292 948	.1				
Oregon .....	2 199	.8	2 748 184	.1	156	2.1	18 966 576	.6				
Pennsylvania .....	3 147	.7	24 396 990	.1	845	.8	118 545 429	.1				
Rhode Island .....	92	—	57 722	—	5	—	(D)	(D)				

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**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

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Geographic area	Livestock and poultry—Con.											
	Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory					Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold						
	Farms		Total			Farms		Total				
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)		
South Carolina .....	695	1.1	5 052 008	.2	366	.4	158 678 646	(L)				
South Dakota .....	725	1.3	2 178 074	.9	92	3.0	285 735	.5				
Tennessee .....	2 525	1.1	1 654 134	1.0	548	.7	120 830 210	.1				
Texas .....	6 259	.8	17 200 764	.3	1 000	.7	388 114 496	.1				
Utah .....	527	1.4	1 729 365	(L)	19	6.9	(D)	(D)				
Vermont .....	502	1.5	254 695	.1	57	4.2	49 535	7.2				
Virginia .....	1 519	.9	3 767 755	.6	671	.4	258 684 455	.1				
Washington .....	1 504	.8	4 787 360	.1	162	1.8	30 183 641	.1				
West Virginia .....	1 085	.8	1 448 777	1.5	186	.9	79 193 428	.1				
Wisconsin .....	2 457	1.0	3 692 115	.3	587	1.4	27 607 761	.1				
Wyoming .....	436	1.5	10 895	3.3	17	7.8	914	18.1				
Selected crops harvested												
Geographic area	Corn for grain or seed					Wheat for grain						
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres			
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)		
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)		
United States .	430 711	.21	69 796 716	.17	8 578 634 770	.17	243 568	.18	58 836 344	.14	2 204 026 684	.12
Alabama .....	3 687	.6	230 484	.4	19 735 218	.4	732	.9	82 440	.6	3 326 421	.5
Alaska .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona .....	140	1.7	40 091	.8	6 498 484	.8	304	.8	103 121	.3	9 114 709	.2
Arkansas .....	831	.6	184 079	.3	21 901 248	.3	3 361	.5	763 388	.2	35 361 702	.2
California .....	958	.7	256 292	.4	42 230 303	.4	2 065	.6	581 071	.3	42 372 177	.3
Colorado .....	3 579	.7	919 784	.4	130 170 731	.3	5 407	.8	2 515 100	.4	76 656 526	.4
Connecticut .....	75	2.9	5 460	1.9	605 666	1.5	2	16.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	985	1.0	157 011	.5	15 670 883	.5	652	1.1	75 265	.6	4 987 739	.5
Florida .....	1 268	.9	69 623	.8	5 440 956	.8	189	2.0	16 231	1.8	585 557	1.7
Georgia .....	5 196	.7	404 268	.5	40 568 303	.4	2 115	.8	299 188	.5	12 691 834	.5
Hawaii .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho .....	694	1.1	41 162	.7	6 390 279	.8	5 199	.6	1 410 978	.3	108 941 849	.3
Illinois .....	48 443	1.0	10 710 072	.7	1 363 015 453	.7	14 822	1.0	983 556	.8	53 954 013	.8
Indiana .....	30 642	.5	5 473 792	.3	652 547 322	.3	10 658	.5	545 027	.4	29 209 090	.4
Iowa .....	61 860	.6	11 595 308	.5	1 537 482 128	.5	719	1.2	22 123	1.8	905 333	2.0
Kansas .....	10 833	.7	2 497 516	.3	356 413 100	.3	30 392	.8	9 560 615	.5	407 515 802	.5
Kentucky .....	11 021	.7	1 086 381	.3	110 787 023	.3	3 180	.7	408 771	.2	21 658 648	.2
Louisiana .....	1 462	.6	411 072	.3	47 951 435	.3	528	1.0	98 911	.6	3 755 759	.6
Maine .....	49	3.5	3 604	1.7	(D)	(D)	15	6.4	551	1.9	32 881	1.2
Maryland .....	3 554	.9	405 451	.5	36 823 284	.5	2 339	.9	199 351	.5	12 711 370	.5
Massachusetts .....	99	2.9	4 951	2.8	590 748	2.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Michigan .....	16 712	1.3	2 122 283	.8	238 319 129	.7	8 976	1.4	499 742	1.0	28 432 159	.9
Minnesota .....	37 630	.7	6 227 640	.4	783 739 207	.4	9 518	.7	2 391 598	.3	74 531 074	.3
Mississippi .....	2 497	.6	405 393	.3	43 851 007	.2	697	.8	155 049	.4	6 547 211	.4
Missouri .....	18 417	.6	2 477 027	.4	274 381 159	.3	12 394	.6	1 055 664	.4	52 178 347	.4
Montana .....	180	1.6	12 925	1.8	1 616 456	1.4	7 932	.4	5 602 336	.2	172 214 482	.2
Nebraska .....	29 149	1.0	8 279 499	.7	1 055 193 186	.7	9 826	1.0	1 772 069	.7	61 578 806	.7
Nevada .....	8	7.0	396	5.8	46 160	5.5	73	2.6	19 034	1.0	1 903 995	.7
New Hampshire .....	35	4.1	1 211	1.9	127 024	1.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Jersey .....	1 110	.9	89 252	.5	9 572 100	.5	541	1.1	38 104	.6	2 191 141	.5
New Mexico .....	316	1.2	80 122	.2	13 795 021	.2	711	.8	264 190	.5	8 605 057	.5
New York .....	5 493	.6	578 715	.3	62 242 783	.3	1 887	.7	120 927	.5	6 339 980	.4
North Carolina .....	8 862	.5	821 039	.3	74 423 999	.3	5 949	.5	616 397	.3	30 357 728	.3
North Dakota .....	2 812	.7	578 953	.3	54 996 430	.3	19 488	.9	10 874 126	.5	260 522 260	.4
Ohio .....	31 517	.5	3 378 205	.3	429 619 833	.3	18 747	.5	994 276	.4	55 105 157	.4
Oklahoma .....	706	.9	150 404	.4	20 917 282	.3	13 935	.6	4 825 074	.4	141 302 977	.3
Oregon .....	244	1.6	27 029	.9	5 132 811	.7	2 531	.6	882 862	.3	54 694 903	.3
Pennsylvania .....	18 732	.5	970 895	.4	93 320 717	.3	6 381	.5	167 488	.4	8 526 375	.4
Rhode Island .....	9	—	45	—	(D)	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina .....	3 531	.5	300 934	.3	28 107 576	.2	2 138	.6	306 935	.2	14 500 101	.2
South Dakota .....	14 342	1.0	3 175 113	.6	295 056 391	.6	9 561	.8	3 177 527	.4	89 470 811	.4
Tennessee .....	5 854	.6	575 878	.3	58 459 483	.2	2 360	.6	305 175	.2	13 482 402	.2
Texas .....	5 855	.5	1 656 229	.2	219 361 590	.2	13 669	.6	3 860 325	.4	108 242 787	.3
Utah .....	377	1.3	17 200	.9	2 533 052	.9	1 148	.8	182 372	.6	7 832 313	.6
Vermont .....	131	1.5	8 233	1.2	938 996	1.2	14	6.6	448	4.3	21 695	2.4
Virginia .....	4 395	.4	318 208	.3	29 480 704	.2	2 888	.5	257 063	.3	15 504 394	.3
Washington .....	514	.8	84 300	.4	16 163 861	.4	4 097	.5	2 422 506	.3	151 124 143	.3
West Virginia .....	1 150	.7	35 499	.8	3 270 197	.7	191	1.5	7 620	1.2	421 453	1.2
Wisconsin .....	34 315	1.1	2 877 971	.8	362 498 739	.8	4 578	1.0	150 469	.8	8 083 650	.7
Wyoming .....	442	1.1	49 717	1.1	6 261 074	1.2	656	1.0	221 041	.8	6 520 663	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.												
	Cotton						Soybeans for beans						
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres		Quantity		
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Bales	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Bushels	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	
<b>United States .</b>	<b>31 493</b>	.25	<b>13 235 236</b>	.13	<b>17 878 743</b>	.08	<b>354 692</b>	.21	<b>66 147 726</b>	.15	<b>2 504 307 294</b>	.16	
Alabama .....	1 470	.6	433 160	.3	523 864	.2	1 889	.6	316 019	.4	7 867 880	.4	
Alaska .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Arizona .....	643	.7	331 699	.2	837 643	.2	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Arkansas .....	1 730	.5	962 272	.1	1 621 344	.1	6 889	.5	3 571 342	.2	103 074 994	.2	
California .....	1 833	.4	1 036 316	.1	2 543 194	.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Colorado .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	6.3	1 621	3.4	51 320	4.3	
Connecticut .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Delaware .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 125	1.0	222 785	.6	6 560 094	.5	
Florida .....	343	1.2	93 504	.7	128 600	.6	404	1.4	41 021	1.2	1 025 521	1.2	
Georgia .....	4 188	.7	1 367 620	.3	1 764 127	.2	2 864	.8	351 359	.6	7 078 444	.6	
Hawaii .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Idaho .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Illinois .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	47 008	1.0	9 825 475	.7	415 716 620	.7	
Indiana .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	28 056	.5	5 003 186	.3	210 645 005	.3	
Iowa .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Kansas .....	45	3.0	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	56 436	.6	9 944 865	.5	445 574 589	.5
Kentucky .....	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	14 733	.8	2 208 642	.6	78 563 054	.6
Louisiana .....	1 586	.6	647 257	.3	970 097	.2	6 644	.7	1 214 938	.3	41 294 246	.3	
Maine .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 511	.6	1 260 523	.3	36 152 458	.3
Maryland .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	2.9	804	1.4	20 993	1.4
Massachusetts .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Michigan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 561	1.3	1 694 872	1.0	62 242 411	.9
Minnesota .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31 292	.6	6 174 563	.4	233 714 926	.4
Mississippi .....	1 701	.4	966 443	.1	1 714 762	.1	3 851	.4	1 964 202	.2	59 370 926	.2	
Missouri .....	863	.7	388 725	.3	554 360	.2	24 201	.6	4 671 797	.4	164 562 845	.4	
Montana .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nebraska .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	21 072	1.0	3 346 701	.8	131 017 170	.8	
Nevada .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	
New Hampshire .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	141	—	6 293	—	
New Jersey .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	914	.9	116 557	.5	3 599 073	.5
New Mexico .....	459	.9	67 996	.6	113 281	.6	3	—	157	—	4 253	—	
New York .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	952	.8	99 879	.5	3 685 535	.5
North Carolina .....	2 320	.6	677 541	.2	916 278	.2	9 933	.5	1 280 412	.3	35 785 336	.3	
North Dakota .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 405	.6	1 062 624	.3	31 069 124	.3
Ohio .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28 554	.5	4 115 575	.4	172 972 596	.3
Oklahoma .....	849	1.0	176 962	.5	190 186	.4	1 921	.7	323 082	.5	9 498 068	.5	
Oregon .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pennsylvania .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6 486	.5	347 981	.4	12 941 343	.4
Rhode Island .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	
South Carolina .....	894	.6	285 858	.1	397 545	.1	3 044	.5	507 687	.2	11 554 522	.2	
South Dakota .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11 700	1.0	2 939 146	.6	100 762 163	.6
Tennessee .....	1 156	.7	472 165	.2	629 487	.2	4 926	.6	1 156 282	.2	37 976 452	.2	
Texas .....	10 971	.6	5 221 561	.3	4 828 062	.3	1 705	.8	381 187	.6	10 114 310	.5	
Utah .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Vermont .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	5.1	1 178	3.6	37 867	4.2
Virginia .....	441	.8	98 244	.3	137 085	.2	3 135	.5	487 001	.3	11 406 611	.3	
Washington .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	157	1.6	13 132	1.4	482 228	1.4
West Virginia .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 028	1.0	990 531	.7	42 681 842	.7
Wisconsin .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Wyoming .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.												
	Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)						Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)						
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres				
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Tons, dry	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)			
<b>United States .</b>	<b>888 597</b>	.12	<b>60 799 788</b>	.12	<b>139 365 313</b>	.12	<b>53 727</b>	.16	<b>3 773 219</b>	.07			
Alabama .....	19 085	.5	778 602	.5	1 750 870	.5	996	1.1	20 809	.9			
Alaska .....	267	—	24 023	—	28 664	—	48	—	315	—			
Arizona .....	1 170	.9	243 946	.4	1 667 752	.3	302	1.2	131 204	.1			
Arkansas .....	22 201	.5	1 232 771	.5	2 396 515	.5	536	1.3	14 480	1.0			
California .....	8 636	.5	1 698 773	.3	8 344 564	.2	4 490	.6	1 209 259	(L)			
Colorado .....	13 446	.7	1 607 991	.7	3 989 176	.7	546	1.1	43 026	.3			
Connecticut .....	1 670	.8	81 752	.7	158 978	.7	620	1.2	10 008	.7			
Delaware .....	467	1.5	15 918	1.5	37 696	1.5	270	1.6	45 491	.3			
Florida .....	4 798	.7	265 985	.7	697 410	.7	1 500	.9	250 562	.2			
Georgia .....	14 066	.6	553 243	.6	1 340 678	.6	1 797	.8	118 806	.3			
Hawaii .....	9	10.9	1 475	3.9	5 253	2.6	657	1.3	6 549	.6			
Idaho .....	11 960	.6	1 260 010	.6	4 395 396	.5	645	1.0	37 783	.6			
Illinois .....	24 156	.9	822 508	.9	2 248 811	.9	1 262	1.1	66 780	.9			
Indiana .....	22 923	.5	674 789	.5	1 756 825	.5	1 125	.9	30 139	.7			
Iowa .....	37 711	.6	1 575 777	.6	4 365 999	.6	786	1.2	12 533	2.3			
Kansas .....	30 573	.7	2 565 482	.6	6 147 197	.6	398	1.6	3 128	3.7			
Kentucky .....	46 388	.6	2 009 061	.7	4 138 965	.7	1 007	1.1	4 486	1.2			
Louisiana .....	8 607	.5	404 508	.6	949 545	.6	441	1.4	5 641	1.9			
Maine .....	2 610	.7	214 005	.7	332 039	.6	611	1.2	11 745	.6			

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.									
	Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)						Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)			
	Farms		Acres		Quantity		Farms		Acres	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Tons, dry	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
Maryland .....	5 223	.8	223 014	.8	450 781	.8	951	1.2	35 958	.8
Massachusetts .....	2 168	.9	100 218	1.0	181 885	1.0	935	1.1	16 039	.9
Michigan .....	20 858	.9	1 264 350	.9	2 830 915	.9	2 498	1.0	128 349	.5
Minnesota .....	35 500	.6	2 168 932	.6	5 033 905	.7	3 002	.7	219 881	.5
Mississippi .....	13 999	.4	648 809	.4	1 486 117	.5	507	1.4	7 280	1.5
Missouri .....	57 483	.6	3 661 772	.6	6 847 820	.6	858	1.1	21 007	.7
Montana .....	13 536	.4	2 528 517	.3	4 745 596	.3	125	2.6	756	3.9
Nebraska .....	25 215	.9	2 932 880	.7	6 118 280	.7	266	2.3	3 208	3.6
Nevada .....	1 640	.9	478 358	.4	1 458 687	.4	37	3.7	4 415	.1
New Hampshire .....	1 462	.8	78 832	.7	140 513	.8	339	1.5	3 490	1.1
New Jersey .....	3 022	.8	114 523	.8	224 259	.7	1 577	.8	63 414	.2
New Mexico .....	4 616	.6	318 213	.5	1 207 842	.4	526	1.1	38 375	.2
New York .....	20 805	.5	2 073 486	.5	4 035 722	.5	2 720	.6	169 331	.3
North Carolina .....	19 761	.5	602 755	.5	1 218 338	.5	2 160	.8	50 079	.6
North Dakota .....	14 707	1.0	2 702 807	.9	3 765 662	.9	123	3.2	903	4.0
Ohio .....	31 475	.4	1 196 243	.4	2 813 975	.4	2 177	.7	45 591	.5
Oklahoma .....	35 751	.5	2 478 944	.5	4 651 859	.4	629	1.4	19 240	.7
Oregon .....	12 933	.5	1 066 643	.5	3 009 247	.5	1 432	.7	155 242	.3
Pennsylvania .....	31 387	.5	1 890 462	.4	3 931 973	.4	3 103	.7	44 533	.7
Rhode Island .....	255	—	8 189	—	16 680	—	126	—	1 907	—
South Carolina .....	7 618	.4	287 002	.5	592 327	.5	1 040	.8	28 774	.4
South Dakota .....	19 298	.9	3 584 798	.7	6 590 651	.7	150	2.4	1 238	5.3
Tennessee .....	44 161	.6	1 646 290	.5	3 326 031	.5	1 162	1.1	34 609	.4
Texas .....	83 219	.6	4 277 199	.6	9 605 686	.6	2 432	.8	140 522	.4
Utah .....	9 033	.5	740 740	.5	2 533 360	.5	294	1.6	6 695	1.3
Vermont .....	3 782	.8	385 562	.6	703 077	.6	333	1.8	2 893	1.8
Virginia .....	25 028	.4	1 189 425	.3	2 291 672	.3	1 008	.9	25 479	.5
Washington .....	10 108	.4	800 677	.4	3 013 551	.4	1 506	.6	209 456	.2
West Virginia .....	13 895	.4	525 257	.4	886 054	.4	362	1.3	1 588	1.7
Wisconsin .....	44 115	1.0	3 554 932	1.0	8 606 243	1.0	3 288	.9	270 130	.5
Wyoming .....	5 601	.6	1 239 340	.4	2 295 272	.5	24	5.8	93	3.4
Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.									
	Land in orchards						Acres			
	Farms			Acres						
	Number			Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)			Number			Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
<b>United States .</b>	<b>106 069</b>			.24			<b>5 158 064</b>			.18
Alabama .....	1 874			.9			29 109			1.2
Alaska .....	4			—			3			—
Arizona .....	843			1.3			67 459			.7
Arkansas .....	646			1.3			14 334			1.5
California .....	38 747			.6			2 582 084			.3
Colorado .....	761			1.2			7 753			1.9
Connecticut .....	253			1.9			3 546			1.5
Delaware .....	31			6.0			1 200			1.6
Florida .....	9 379			.7			981 910			.2
Georgia .....	3 541			.8			155 984			.6
Hawaii .....	2 786			.9			37 906			.4
Idaho .....	377			1.5			9 903			1.0
Illinois .....	734			1.4			8 645			1.8
Indiana .....	571			1.3			5 835			2.1
Iowa .....	448			1.5			2 616			2.8
Kansas .....	406			1.7			6 834			6.0
Kentucky .....	715			1.3			3 537			2.3
Louisiana .....	821			1.1			16 842			2.5
Maine .....	334			1.7			5 170			.9
Maryland .....	422			1.7			5 251			1.7
Massachusetts .....	431			1.6			6 546			1.7
Michigan .....	2 863			.9			139 607			.8
Minnesota .....	533			1.5			4 390			2.3
Mississippi .....	902			1.1			13 428			1.4
Missouri .....	1 004			1.2			16 525			1.9
Montana .....	261			1.9			1 236			4.4
Nebraska .....	143			3.1			912			6.0
Nevada .....	68			3.5			530			1.3
New Hampshire .....	219			2.0			3 414			1.6
New Jersey .....	577			1.4			13 459			.5
New Mexico .....	1 744			.8			33 600			.7
New York .....	2 436			.6			101 628			.5
North Carolina .....	1 213			1.0			15 388			1.5
North Dakota .....	40			5.2			124			5.5
Ohio .....	1 395			.9			14 078			1.1
Oklahoma .....	2 733			.8			86 272			1.0
Oregon .....	3 869			.6			96 270			.6
Pennsylvania .....	2 069			.8			56 029			.7
Rhode Island .....	54			—			389			—

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table F. Reliability Estimates for the United States and State Totals: 1997—Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Geographic area	Selected crops harvested—Con.			
	Land in orchards			
	Farms		Acres	
	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Number	Relative standard error of estimate <sup>1</sup> (percent)
South Carolina .....	885	1.0	24 775	.5
South Dakota .....	52	3.4	303	1.5
Tennessee .....	1 043	1.4	4 427	1.7
Texas .....	8 804	.7	211 938	.7
Utah .....	631	1.2	10 162	1.5
Vermont .....	228	2.2	4 311	2.0
Virginia .....	1 080	1.0	27 650	.8
Washington .....	5 700	.5	301 376	.2
West Virginia .....	530	1.2	12 446	.9
Wisconsin .....	853	1.2	10 851	1.9
Wyoming .....	16	7.7	81	2.6

<sup>1</sup>Due to some minor revisions, some relative standard error estimates (percent) may not agree with what was published in State volume table C.

<sup>2</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

**Table G. U.S. Coverage Estimates: 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Census total	Coverage total <sup>1</sup>	Adjusted census		Coverage adjustment (percent)
			Total	Relative standard error (percent)	
Farms ..... number..	1 911 859	303 233	2 215 092	.40	13.69
Land in farms ..... acres..	931 795 255	20 577 887	952 373 142	.29	2.16
Average size of farm .....	487	68	430	(X)	(X)
Farms by size of farm:					
Less than 10 acres .....	153 515	52 977	206 492	2.01	25.66
10 to 49 acres .....	410 833	135 363	546 196	.95	24.78
50 to 179 acres .....	592 972	85 202	678 174	.60	12.56
180 acres or more .....	754 539	29 691	784 230	.34	3.79
Farms by value of sales:					
Less than \$2,500 .....	496 514	204 026	700 540	.91	29.12
\$2,500 to \$9,999 .....	466 452	63 323	529 775	.69	11.95
\$10,000 or more .....	948 893	35 884	984 777	.33	3.64
Market value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000..	196 864 649	803 026	197 667 675	.23	.41
Farms by type of organization:					
Individual or family .....	1 643 424	297 960	1 941 384	.44	15.35
Partnership, corporation, or other .....	268 435	5 273	273 708	.67	1.93
Farms by tenure of operator:					
Full owners .....	1 146 891	239 520	1 386 411	.54	17.28
Part owners .....	573 839	40 462	614 301	.44	6.59
Tenants .....	191 129	23 251	214 380	1.01	10.85
Operators by place of residence:					
On farm operated .....	1 361 766	233 222	1 594 988	.46	14.62
Not on farm operated .....	412 554	37 819	450 373	.69	8.40
Not reported .....	137 539	32 192	169 731	1.44	18.97
Operators by principal occupation:					
Farming .....	961 560	68 581	1 030 141	.40	6.66
Other .....	950 299	234 652	1 184 951	.62	19.80
Operators by sex:					
Male .....	1 746 757	258 645	2 005 402	.40	12.90
Female .....	165 102	44 588	209 690	1.39	21.26
Operators by race:					
White .....	1 864 201	290 049	2 154 250	.39	13.46
Black and other races .....	47 658	13 184	60 842	2.79	21.67
Operators by years on present farm:					
4 years or less .....	219 365	59 836	279 201	1.07	21.43
5 years or more .....	1 377 481	176 868	1 554 349	.38	11.38
Not reported .....	315 013	66 529	381 542	1.26	17.44

<sup>1</sup> See text in Appendix C regarding coverage estimates.